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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Denene V. "Mazoo" Wilmeth of Springfield, who passed away on March 29, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born February 25, 1939 in Springfield, the daughter of Dennis and Marvene (Thompson) Barrick; she married James Stevenson Wilmeth on January 25, 1957 in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, For 29 years, beginning in 1981, she worked for the Decatur Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, serving the last 15 years as Executive Director; she was a member of Illinois State Board of Education, a former member of the Decatur District #61 School Board, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Decatur; and

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WHEREAS, During her time with the Decatur Area Convention and Visitors Bureau she promoted the Farm Progress Show and the 2008 Illinois Republican Convention; she was considered a cheerleader for the City of Decatur, working to make the city a destination for visitors and tourists; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband; and

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WHEREAS, Denene Wilmeth is survived by her children, Tami

1 Oppedahl and her husband Tony, James Wilmeth and his wife
2 Vickie, and Mari Handy and her husband Kevin; her
3 grandchildren, A.J. Musser and Sarah Musser and Peyton and
4 Lydia Handy; her sister, Julie Baliva and her husband Dom; and
5 her nephews, Nathan Baliva and Zachary Baliva; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 her family and friends, the passing of Denene Wilmeth; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Denene Wilmeth as a symbol of our
12 sincere sympathy.