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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 Elvira A. "Vera" Blazevic of Joliet, who passed away on October 4, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born June 22, 1915 to the late Peter and Antoinette (nee Genard) Baudino; she was a graduate of Joliet Township High School, Class of 1933; she married Anton William Blazevic on December 30, 1939; and

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WHEREAS, Anton founded Modern Home Builders of Joliet (later Modern Builders Industrial Concrete Company) in 1947 and his wife was very supportive and instrumental in its success throughout the years; prior to her marriage, she was employed at Goldblatt's Department Store in yards goods where her ability to instantly price material was amazing; she was also an excellent seamstress, sewing everything from wedding gowns to coats; and

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WHEREAS, She was a woman of deep faith, and was a founding member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church and a member of the Paulites; she was a benefactor to her church and to many local charitable organizations; and

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WHEREAS, She loved the outdoors; as a young woman she could

1 be found horseback riding at the old Woodruff Stables or  
2 swimming at Joliet's Michigan Beach; she enjoyed gardening and  
3 golfed up to age 91; winning various golf tournaments through  
4 the years, she also was an original member of the Joliet  
5 Country Club Women's Golf Team; in the 1950s, she and her  
6 husband were the first to waterski on the Kankakee River, and  
7 over the years introduced their family and friends to the  
8 sport; and

9 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband; her  
10 sisters, Irma Cassani and Anna Marie; and her brothers, Joe,  
11 Lawrence, and Ray Baudino; and

12 WHEREAS, Elvira Blazevic was the beloved mother of Tana  
13 (Mel) Gray and Terrance (Georgia) Blazevic; the loving and  
14 devoted grandmother of Jennifer (Marc) Stanley, Rachel (Olof)  
15 Anderson, Stephanie Gray, April (Matthew) Woodside, Alisha  
16 (Nicki), and the late Bryce A.G. Blazevic; the dearest  
17 great-grandmother of Leif, Steffan, and twins, Annika and  
18 Charlotte Anderson, Zachary and Catherine Woodside, Samuel,  
19 Benjamin, and Josephine Blazevic-Seibert; she will also be  
20 missed by her dear friends, Mary Lu Silk, Louise "Weezee"  
21 Simmons, and Mary Lou Langdon; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 her family and friends, the passing of Elvira Blazevic; and be  
2 it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Elvira Blazevic as a symbol of our  
5 sincere sympathy.