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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 Betty Marie Barnett of Canton, who passed away on January 29, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Barnett was born on September 12, 1927, in Peoria; she was the daughter of Lewis and Gertrude Seelye Walker; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Barnett was employed at Peoria Metal and Armour Meat Packing and served as a cafeteria lady at Harrison School; she also sold Avon products for many years; and

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WHEREAS, In the early 1970s, Betty Barnett and her husband moved to rural Canton, where they built a home on a farm they shared with their daughter; on the farm, she raised small animals and oversaw a large garden; during those years, she was an excellent bowler who participated in leagues at Linn Lanes in Canton; after moving to Bartonville for a few years, she returned to Canton following the death of her husband; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Barnett was an avid and knowledgeable gardener who loved tulips and roses; she also enjoyed antique hunting and traveling, especially to Hawaii; and

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1 WHEREAS, Betty Barnett was a born-again Christian and a
2 member of Evangelical Free Church of Canton, where she was a
3 Sunday school teacher for many years; she also loved to worship
4 and travel with her friends at the First Baptist Church of
5 Pekin; and

6 WHEREAS, Betty Barnett was preceded in death by her devoted
7 husband of almost 50 years, Clayburn W. Barnett Sr., and one
8 sister, Norma Eubank; and

9 WHEREAS, Betty Barnett is survived by her children, Diana
10 Hall, Clayburn W. "Sonny" Barnett Jr. (Sally), Jim Barnett, and
11 Brenda Kinsel; her brother, Lewis (Mary) Walker; her sister,
12 Patsy Russell; her grandchildren, Mick (Jami) Hall, Kim (Allan)
13 Jackson, Michelle (Chris) Stevens, Scott Barnett, Brent
14 Barnett, and Brian (Jessica) Kinsel; her 14
15 great-grandchildren; and her cat, Muffin; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 her family and friends, the passing of Betty Marie Barnett; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Betty Barnett as an expression of
22 our sympathy.