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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 Elizabeth Marie "Betty" Smith of Canton, who passed away on January 18, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith was born in Canton to Lorenzo and Theresa (nee Rubeo) Bertetto on January 27, 1926; she graduated from Canton High School in 1944 and married Dale Robert Smith in Lewistown on November 16, 1945; and

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith was active in politics; she could often be found hitting the campaign trail in support of her beloved son and former Illinois State Representative, Mike Smith; she served on the Board of Directors of the Canton YWCA and was a member of the Fulton County League of Democratic Women, serving in various capacities, including President; and

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith was a dedicated member of the Graham Hospital Service League, where she was recognized for her work as Chairwoman of the committee responsible for making puppets to distribute to the children admitted to the hospital; and

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith had a passion for collecting; her collection of salt and pepper shakers is one of the largest in

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1 the area with over 10,000 pairs; she also collected several  
2 hundred cookie jars and Fiestaware in all of the colors of the  
3 rainbow; one of her most prized possessions was a pair of salt  
4 and pepper shakers given to her by President Barack Obama; and

5 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith was preceded in death by her  
6 husband, Dale Smith; her son, State Representative Michael  
7 Smith; her parents; her 2 sisters, Margret Walker and Dominca  
8 Lancaster; and her 5 brothers, Joseph Bertetto, Dominic  
9 Bertetto, Peter Bertetto, Charles Bertetto, and John Bertetto;  
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11 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Smith is survived by her children,  
12 Sandra (Leon) Schuman and Patricia Fowler; her  
13 daughter-in-law, Donna Smith; her sister-in-law, Harriett  
14 Bertetto; her 4 grandchildren, Greg Schuman, Amy Tiff, Angela  
15 (Tim) Burke, and Natalie Fowler; her 5 great-grandchildren; and  
16 her great-great-grandchild; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 Elizabeth Marie "Betty" Smith, and extend our sincere  
20 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
21 her; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Elizabeth Smith as an expression of  
2 our deepest sympathy.