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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 Mildred Bentley, who passed away on December 17, 2018 at the age of 92; and

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WHEREAS, Mildred Bentley was born in Louisville, Kentucky on September 9, 1921; in 1968, she moved to Chicago to be near her daughter; in 1980, she moved in with her daughter, son-in-law, and their two children, while working during the week as a live-in companion; and

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WHEREAS, Mildred Bentley was a caregiver all of her life; she cared for her mother until her death and was a trusted companion to those with physical problems, proudly saying into her 80s that she "took care of old people"; she considered her job to be a ministry; and

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WHEREAS, Mildred Bentley loved to read, especially mysteries and books on living the Christian life; she particularly enjoyed the novels of Beverly Lewis, such as The Amish Country Crossroads series; like the stories of the "Plain People", she exuded trusted peace or a peaceful trust as a "simply extraordinary woman"; and

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WHEREAS, Mildred Bentley enjoyed the pastime of

1 needlework, including knitting and crocheting; she made  
2 sweaters with intricate designs, affixing personalized tags  
3 that read "Made Especially for You by Mildred Bentley"; and

4 WHEREAS, Mildred Bentley was the mother of Sheryl (Dean)  
5 Oder; the grandmother of Elizabeth and Michael Oder; and the  
6 sister of the late Edmund (Mary Ann) Robinson; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Mildred Bentley and extend our sincere condolences to her  
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Mildred Bentley as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.