

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate were saddened to learn
3 of the death of Blanche Rine on Monday, December 16, 2002;
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5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rine was the daughter of Hungarian
6 immigrants and was the youngest of seven children; she grew
7 up in Wicker Park and at the age of 16 started her own
8 religious school with synagogue youth groups; she went on to
9 become a Hebrew teacher; and

10 WHEREAS, She met and married Rabbi Aaron Rine and spent
11 six years at a congregation in South Bend, Indiana, three at
12 one on the West Side of Chicago, and finally settled at
13 Congregation Beth Itzchok; they were married 55 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rine will be remembered for her role as a
15 rabbi's wife; she held weekly classes on Jewish events and
16 organized lectures and several groups for women, including
17 the Yeshiva Women of the Hebrew Theological College and a
18 twice yearly seminar for women from different congregations;
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20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rine wrote plays and skits and edited the
21 award-winning Voice of Beth Itzchok for more than 40 years;
22 she was the Orthodox Union delegate to the 1963 conference on
23 race and religion; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rine was generous in the way that she lived
25 her life; she invited poor people into her home for the
26 weekly shabbat meal and delivered meals to the poor; and

27 WHEREAS, The passing of Mrs. Rine has been deeply felt by
28 all who knew her, especially her son, Joe Rine; her two
29 daughters, Malke Bakst and Perle Rine; her two
30 sisters-in-law; her 12 grandchildren; and her seven
31 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
3 of a great lady who will be remembered as the Rebbitzen of
4 Rebbitzens (the rabbi's wife of all rabbi's wives) and offer
5 her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Blanche Rine with our sincerest
9 condolences.