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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 Geraldine W. "Jerry" Boehm of McHenry, who passed away on March 3, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, She was born July 3, 1922, in Chicago, to Harry J. and Hazel W. (Beaman) Becker; she lived in McHenry for more than 70 years; she graduated from McHenry High School in 1940; in 1943, she enlisted as a W.A.V.E. in the United States Navy and served for three years in Washington D.C.'s Office of Naval Intelligence; in 1945, she married Robert J. Doran and he preceded her in death in 1955; in 1959, she married her second husband, John L. Boehm, who preceded her in death March 22, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, She served on the original site selection committee for McHenry County College and was secretary of the McHenry Township Republican Women's Club; she also was the secretary of United Cerebral Palsy of Illinois for 14 years and served for many years as president of McHenry's UCP affiliate; she founded the Blackhawk Region of United Cerebral Palsy, which, to this day, serves clients in six northern Illinois counties; Pioneer Center grew out of this organization; and

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WHEREAS, She was the founder of McHenry High School's first

1 PTA; she served many years as president of the local
2 Toastmasters and was district governor for two years; she was
3 on the Comprehensive Health Planning Committee mandated by
4 former Governor Richard Ogilvie and was instrumental in the
5 construction of McHenry's first hospital; she also wrote the
6 "History of McHenry Hospital" for the History of McHenry
7 County; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1973, she graduated from McHenry County College
9 and was named in the Who's Who in Junior Colleges in 1972-73;
10 she was a charter member of Women's World War II Veterans and
11 was a member of the McHenry Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
12 4600, American Legion Post 491, AMVETS Post 269, Toastmasters
13 International for 30 years, and First United Methodist Church
14 of McHenry, where she sang in the choir for more than 30 years;
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16 WHEREAS, She performed for the Ann Varese Theatre Company;
17 she was a former employee of McHenry Sand and Gravel Company
18 and Quaker Inc.; she was an avid roller skater; she loved to
19 camp, fish, sing, and golf and had belonged to an exercise
20 group at Shamrock Health Club; she also loved public speaking
21 and fundraising; however, cooking was not her passion; and

22 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her first husband,
23 Robert J. Doran; her second husband, John L. Boehm; an infant

1 son, John Scott Boehm; her parents; a sister, Dorothea Moore;
2 and a brother, William Becker; and

3 WHEREAS, Geraldine Boehm is survived by her children, James
4 W. (Charlotte) Doran, Robert J. (Karen) Doran, Kathleen Ellen
5 (Grayling) Repke, Terrence P. (Susan) Doran, Kevin M. Doran,
6 and Gary S. Boehm; her seven grandchildren, James Doran, Julie
7 Sherman, Sarah Mudd, Robert Doran III, Michael Repke, David
8 Repke, and Lindsey Doran; and her four great-grandchildren,
9 Regan Sherman, Ryan Sherman, Reese Sherman, and Isabel Doran
10 Mudd; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 her family and friends, the passing of Geraldine W. "Jerry"
14 Boehm; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Geraldine W. "Jerry" Boehm as a
17 symbol of our sympathy.