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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 Evelyn Roberts of Joliet, who passed away on June 7, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, She was born to the late Charles and Margaret Boggio, in Coal City, May 14, 1915; and

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WHEREAS, She was a graduate of Coal City High School and Gallagher School of Business in Kankakee, where she met her future husband; together they started R.W. Roberts Co. in 1960 and grew the business for 19 years; she was a resident of Joliet since 1955, where she was active in parish life at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus and St. Paul the Apostle Church and volunteer service through Women of Rotary, Joliet Hospice, and St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary; and

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WHEREAS, Evelyn was grounded by a deep faith and strong family bonds; she was the heart, soul, and historian of her entire family; she was blessed with a love of life and gift for music that she readily shared; at the Inn at Willow Falls in Crest Hill, where she had lived since 2002, she played the organ for chapel services and entertained often with lively piano playing that set toes tapping; she had a friendly outgoing spirit and never met a stranger, and she was a

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1 thoughtful and sensitive friend, mother, and grandmother; she
2 enjoyed card games, especially bridge, swimnastics, and doing
3 needlepoint, leaving a legacy of fun and artwork for family and
4 friends; and

5 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death in 2002 by her devoted
6 husband of 66 years, Robert W. Roberts; and

7 WHEREAS, Evelyn Roberts is survived by her loving children,
8 Lynne Brooker, Dr. John and Mrs. Valerie Roberts, Jayne and
9 William Becker; her twelve grandchildren, Lauri Kubinski,
10 Tracy and John Katz, Steven T. Brooker, David and Jodi Brooker,
11 Robert and Rhonda Brooker, Kristen, Kate, David and Mark
12 Roberts, Molly and Jim Lyons, John and Marci Becker, and Erika
13 and Neil Glines; her eighteen great-grandchildren; her four
14 great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Mardeen (Bernard)
15 Berta; her sisters-in-law, Ethel Mae Flanders and Mary Jane
16 Zumwalt; her brother-in-law, John R. (Jan) Roberts; her
17 honorary granddaughter, Ann Postel; and numerous nieces and
18 nephews; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 her family and friends, the passing of Evelyn Roberts; and be
22 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Evelyn Roberts as a symbol of our
3 sincere sympathy.