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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 Avril Marie "Babe" Baker of Joliet, who passed away on February 4, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on November 17, 1930, the daughter of the late Armstrong "Bud" and Hazel Hile; she graduated from St. Francis Academy; in 1953, she met Dick Baker, a United States Marine who had served in Korea; she and Dick were married at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus Parish in Joliet on October 9, 1954; and

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WHEREAS, She was always happiest when in the presence of her family; for years, she and her husband assembled the Murphy Acres Munchkins for backyard Fourth of July and Labor Day celebrations; and

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WHEREAS, She helped rescue and serve countless abused and abandoned animals; she was one of the founding members of the Will County Humane Society, and served on its Board of Directors for more than forty years; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her son, Greg; and

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WHEREAS, Avril Baker is survived by her beloved husband,

1 Dick; their three devoted sons, Mark (Denise) Baker, Fr. Brad  
2 Baker, and Todd (Kim) Baker; their daughter-in-law, Beth Baker;  
3 her three grandchildren, Richard Baker, and Bryan and Brianna  
4 Baker; her sister, Marilyn (late Don) Stein; her brother, Larry  
5 (Evelyn) Hile; and she was a devoted aunt to many nephews and  
6 nieces; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
9 her family and friends, the passing of Avril Baker; and be it  
10 further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Avril Baker as a symbol of our  
13 sincere sympathy.