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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 Dorothy Worst of Lockport, who passed away on December 16, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Worst was born in Waterloo, Iowa in 1916 to Carl and Theresa (nee Plaiser) Webbeking; as a child, she briefly moved to Bremen, Germany; she arrived back in the United States on March 30, 1927 at Ellis Island, New York; she graduated from Drake University with an R.N. in 1936; and

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WHEREAS, Between 1941 and 1946, Dorothy Worst served in the U.S. Army as a nurse; she served as a surgical nurse stateside for 20 months at Ft. Leonard Wood, Lincoln Air Base, and Camp Kilmer; in February of 1943, she served as an operating room nurse in the 11th Evacuation Hospital, a mobile medical unit, moving throughout North Africa, Italy, Sicily, Southern France, and Germany; she was decorated with the American Defense Ribbon, the American Theatre Ribbon, the EAME Theatre Ribbon, 1 Silver Battle Star, 2 Bronze Battle Stars, the Bronze Service Arrowhead, 5 Overseas Service Bars, and the Victory Medal; her battles and campaigns included: Tunisian; Sicilian; Naples-Foggia; Rome-Arno; Southern France; Rhineland; and Central Europe; she was at the Battle of the Bulge, the D-Day Invasion, and Anzio; during her service, she met King Zaad of

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1 Albania, a Spitfire pilot for the British Air Force; Pope Pius
2 XII; Josephine Baker; had a dinner date with Douglas Fairbanks,
3 Jr.; flew a cargo plane; earned the nickname "Moonbeam"; and,
4 shot a 50-caliber machine gun on a Swedish ship; she left the
5 service as a Lieutenant 1st Class on February 21, 1946; she
6 often was called upon by schools and groups to talk about her
7 time in the service and later served as a VFW Post Adjutant in
8 Lockport; and

9 WHEREAS, Dorothy Worst returned from her service and earned
10 a master's degree in English and an R.N. from Minnesota
11 University; she married William "Bill" Worst in 1948; and

12 WHEREAS, Dorothy Worst became a home healthcare nurse until
13 1949; starting in 1956, and through 1981, she worked at Silver
14 Cross Hospital as an R.N., I.C.U. Director, and Coronary Clinic
15 Specialist; she taught in the S.C.H. School of Nursing and
16 served as a Fire and Disaster Safety Coordinator, EKG
17 Instructor, CPR Instructor, and House Supervisor; and

18 WHEREAS, Dorothy Worst volunteered in the Hospital Medical
19 Library; she was an Encore Shop President and volunteer and was
20 on the Advisory Board at S.C.H.; she was a long time member of
21 the King's Daughters, the founding organization of Silver Cross
22 Hospital; she also served as President of the American Heart
23 Association of Illinois; she was a member of St. John's

1 Episcopal Church in Lockport and she was featured in Lockport's
2 History Scavenger Hunt this past summer and was the Lockport
3 Memorial Day Parade's Grand Marshal; and

4 WHEREAS, Dorothy Worst was a great cook; she loved to
5 garden and was a Garden Club member in Lockport; she crocheted
6 and was known for knitting "scrubbies"; she sewed clothes for
7 the kids and others; she took up painting and her art is
8 distributed among her children and friends; she was an avid
9 newspaper, book, and magazine reader; she was very political
10 and could debate on all current events; she loved to tell war
11 stories from her years in WWII; and

12 WHEREAS, Dorothy Worst was preceded in death by her
13 husband, Bill; her parents; her brothers, Vernon, Karl, Ewald,
14 and Otto; and her sister, Elfrieda; and

15 WHEREAS, Dorothy Worst is survived by her brother, Albert
16 (Elaine); her children, Sally (Chris) Birkbeck, Cindy (Skip)
17 Lanham, Sandy (Gilbert) Mitchell, and Marc Worst; her 4
18 grandchildren, Heather, Jesse, Michelle, and Sarah; and many
19 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Dorothy Worst, and extend our sincere condolences to her

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Dorothy Worst as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.