

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Lynda Lee Ladley was born on October 2, 1941 in  
3 Ashland, Illinois; the loving daughter of John T. and  
4 Mardelle Canfield; and

5 WHEREAS, Following an education in public schools, Mrs.  
6 Ladley moved to Springfield and began a distinguished 34-year  
7 career in State government as a telecommunications operator  
8 in the Secretary of State's Index Division, later accepting a  
9 position as a legislative secretary and a committee clerk  
10 with the Illinois House of Representatives; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1971, Mrs. Ladley was assigned as a secretary  
12 to a group of legislators that included a freshman Republican  
13 from Kankakee, George H. Ryan; and

14 WHEREAS, While Mr. Ryan moved through the ranks of State  
15 government, he called on Mrs. Ladley for 30 years to organize  
16 and administer his executive office as he fulfilled his  
17 obligations as House Republican Leader, Speaker of the House,  
18 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, and Governor; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley also organized and supervised a  
20 succession of clerical support staff in the legislative and  
21 executive branches of government; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley was a friend, mentor, and mother  
23 confessor to a generation of officers and legislators from  
24 both sides of the political aisle, countless State workers,  
25 and members of Mr. Ryan's extended staff; and

26 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley deftly handled all assignments with  
27 a constant, infectious good humor that charmed everyone who  
28 entered her presence, as well as grace, dignity, and a high  
29 standard of professionalism; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley was a board member of Illinois

1 Inaugural 1999 and the co-chair of the Inaugural "Relay for  
2 Life" of the Sangamon County chapter of the American Cancer  
3 Society, and supported several charities as well as the  
4 Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Springfield; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley is survived by her husband, Ronald;  
6 her mother; three daughters, Nancy, Patricia, and Milynda;  
7 her three stepdaughters, Cynthia, Ronda, and Judith; her  
8 brother, Wayne; her ten grandchildren; and several nieces and  
9 nephews; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley succumbed to a lingering illness on  
11 April 28, 2001, bringing to a close a life dedicated to the  
12 well-being and service of her family and friends; and

13 WHEREAS, Members of the Illinois Senate are deeply  
14 saddened to learn of Mrs. Ladley's passing; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express our  
17 deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lynda Lee  
18 Ladley and our desire that her memory and good works be  
19 honored sine die; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Lynda Lee Ladley with our sincere  
22 condolences.