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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with great sadness of the passing of Sister Mary Luke Makuch of Chicago on December 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Born in Szaflary, Poland, Sister Mary Luke Makuch worked in an orphanage in Sadowa Wisznia where she and another Felician nun helped shepherd 35 Jewish children to safety during a trek across Poland during World War II; although the group frequently encountered German troops, no one questioned the identities of the children or the Jewish mother who walked with them; the sisters delivered their charges unharmed, but flying shrapnel left Sister Luke with a deep scar on one arm; and

WHEREAS, Sister Luke came to Chicago in 1965, and served as a cook at convents including St. Bruno, St. Wenceslaus and Mother of Good Counsel provincialate headquarters; at times, she worked as a seamstress; and

WHEREAS, During Pope John Paul II's visit to Cardinal Cody, Sister Luke headed a staff of four Felician sisters who prepared meals at Cardinal Cody's residence; she renewed her acquaintance with the holy father, whom she had known in Poland before he was named pope; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Luke Makuch is survived by her brother, John; and

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of Sister Mary Luke Makuch along with all who knew and loved her and extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Sister Mary Luke Makuch as an
3 expression of our deepest sympathy.