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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Nancy H. DeGrand of Alton on Friday, February 10, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Born September 5, 1923, in Alton, Mrs. DeGrand was the daughter of the late Herbert Christopher and Mary Louise (Rousseau) Hellrung; she was a 1940 graduate of Marquette Catholic High School, and she married Robert Lee DeGrand on April 26, 1947, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Alton; he preceded her in death on July 16, 1981; and

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WHEREAS, She retired in 1996 as financial officer at Hayner Public Library after 22 years of dedicated service; she then served as a member of the board of directors at Hayner until her death; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. DeGrand was a longtime member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Alton, where she served as a lector and was a member of the parish council and the Altar Society; she was one of the founders of the Alton Junior Service League, a founder of the Alton Chapter of the March of Dimes, and a former president of the St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary; and

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WHEREAS, She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many; she enjoyed reading, golfing, playing bridge, and bowling, and was an avid Cardinals baseball fan; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Nancy H. DeGrand has been deeply felt by many, especially her children and their spouses, Mary Louise Watson, Stephanie Ann DeGrand, the Rev. Robert L. DeGrand Jr., Yoland Marie and Mark Plunkett, Alfred Vincent and Karen DeGrand, Peter Joseph and Valli DeGrand, Thomas Anthony DeGrand, Luke and Karen DeGrand, and Anastasia and Gary Phelps;

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1 her sister, Roberta Mattingly; her grandchildren, Katie
2 Livingston, Erin Thongsy, Jacob and Daniel Watson, Jennifer,
3 Kristopher, Robert, and Margaret Doody, Julianne, Samuel,
4 Katherine, Sarah, Andrew, and Luke Plunkett, Alfred DeGrand
5 Jr., Thomas DeGrand Jr., Michael, Rachael, Nathan, Molly, Ben,
6 Annye, Laddie, Meghan, Emily, Erin, and Joseph DeGrand, and
7 Emily and James Phelps; her great-grandchildren, Grace and
8 Talan Livingston and Kearston Doody; her other extended family;
9 and her many dear friends; in addition to her beloved husband
10 of 34 years and her parents, she was preceded in death by her
11 infant son, Damien DeGrand; and her brothers, Herbert Rousseau
12 Hellrung and Gregory Lawrence Hellrung; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Nancy H. DeGrand, and we extend our sincere condolences to her
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
20 sympathy.