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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 Darlene Marie Van Ham of North Aurora, who passed away on October 7, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, She was born November 30, 1931, in Waukon, Iowa, to Marie and Charles Davis; she relocated to Aurora, where she met her adoring husband, Bernie; they shared 44 years together and raised six boys; and

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WHEREAS, Darlene spent her lifetime supporting those she loved; she spent countless hours cheering for her children and grandchildren in the bleachers of numerous ball fields, gymnasiums, pools, and stadiums throughout the State; and

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WHEREAS, Darlene worked tirelessly as a nurse for 52 years at St. Charles Hospital, Copley Hospital, and Dreyer Medical Clinic; she continued to serve others after her retirement, through her work at Aurora's free clinic and will be long remembered for her gentle touch and kind words; and

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WHEREAS, Darlene was preceded in death by her loving husband; her mother and father; her sisters, Eleanor and Margaret; and her brother, Thomas; and

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1 WHEREAS, She is survived by her children, grandchildren,
2 and her sister, Elaine; Darlene was a proud and loving mother
3 to Bernie (Diane), Tom (Marsha), Jim (Jane), Rich (Nora), Steve
4 (Christine), and Mark; and she was a doting grandmother to
5 Camille (Mark Tan), Matt, Amy, Chris, Hillary, Jared, Michael,
6 Melissa, and Alisha; therefore, be it

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

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Darlene Marie Van Ham as a symbol of
13 our sincere sympathy.