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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 Roberta Brabant Allen of Godfrey, who passed away on December 9, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, "Berta," as she was known, was born April 17, 1912, in Pleasanton, Kansas, and graduated with honors from the University of Kansas with a degree in journalism in 1932, while working as treasurer of 3 different sororities to pay her tuition; she met her future husband, Dr. Hubert Lee Allen Jr., at the University of Kansas; and

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WHEREAS, She lived in Fort Scott, Kansas, raising her children while Lt. Col. Allen was director of a MASH Unit during World War II for 4 years in the South Pacific; the family has an amazing collection of over 2,000 letters they exchanged which reflect the effect of the war and years of long separation on their small family; they moved to Alton upon Dr. Allen's return from overseas; and

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WHEREAS, She served on the Alton woman's Home Board, Community Service League, AAUW, Alton Planning Commission, and was a member of PEO Chapter IL; she loved gardening and enjoyed the piano and violin; she enjoyed reminiscing about her years of growing up in a small Kansas farm community and laughed

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1 about being Captain of her high school basketball team, the
2 Pleasanton Blue Jays; and

3 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her husband; her son,
4 Hubert L. Allen III; her grandson, Hubert Lee Allen IV; and her
5 daughter-in-law, Beverly Allen; and

6 WHEREAS, Roberta Allen was the beloved mother of the late
7 Hubert Lee Allen III (Marion), Benjamin B. Allen (Trudi), and
8 Christopher C. Allen (Rosie); she was the loving grandmother to
9 Geoffrey Allen, Benjamin Allen Jr., Peter Allen (Gina), Betsy
10 Puent (John), Cade Miller (Metaxia), Spencer Allen (Rachel),
11 Stephanie Allen (Fabrizio), and Bryce Allen; she was the
12 beloved great-grandmother of Geoffrey and Ashley Allen, Hunter
13 Wyatt and Hubert Phog Allen, Lily, Claire, and Jack Puent,
14 Lilliana Miller, Amelia, and Charles Allen; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 her family and friends, the passing of Roberta Allen; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Roberta Allen as a symbol of our
21 sincere sympathy.