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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 Rosemary "Rosie" Donnelly Crowley Manning of Peoria, who passed away on August 16, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Rosemary Crowley Manning was born on May 24, 1931 in Peoria; her parents were Harold and Marie (Kelly) Donnelly; she married William A. "Billy" Crowley Jr. on May 8, 1954; he passed away on February 22, 1984; she later married Robert E. Manning, Jr. on March 24, 2001; he passed away on July 22, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Rosemary Crowley Manning was a 1949 graduate of the Academy of Our Lady, where she earned the honor of May Queen and was involved in all the school's musical activities; she also was a proud member of the National Honor Society; she subsequently attended St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kansas on a voice scholarship and served as president of her freshman class; and

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WHEREAS, Rosemary Crowley Manning was employed at Argonaut Great Central Insurance and Caterpillar Inc.; she later retired from Woodruff High School after 23 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Following her retirement, Rosemary Crowley

1 Manning joined the Women of Woodruff club to stay connected to
2 her friends; she worked as a cosmetic consultant for the Magic
3 of Aloe for 40 years; she also served on the board of the
4 Morton Civic Chorus and sang with the group for 15 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Rosemary Crowley Manning was a member of the
6 Catholic Women's League and was a recipient of the
7 organization's Angel Award; on June 5, 2011, Peoria Mayor Jim
8 Ardis issued a proclamation designating "Rosie Crowley Manning
9 Day"; and

10 WHEREAS, Rosemary Crowley Manning was an avid sports fan;
11 her strong Catholic faith and Irish heritage made the
12 University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team her
13 number 1 passion, with Bradley University basketball following
14 closely behind; and

15 WHEREAS, Rosemary Crowley Manning was a solo vocalist and
16 choir director at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, where she
17 beautifully sang and gladly served for almost 60 years; she
18 also enjoyed performing singing telegrams to celebrate the
19 arrival of new babies, birthdays, anniversaries, and
20 retirements; and

21 WHEREAS, Rosemary Crowley Manning was preceded in death by
22 her first husband, William Crowley; her second husband, Robert

1 Manning, Jr.; her sister, Kathleen McQuellon; and her brothers,
2 Hank Donnelly and Dick Donnelly; and

3 WHEREAS, Rosemary Crowley Manning is survived by her
4 children, Karen (Bob) Metzinger, Debi (John) Redington, James
5 (Gail) Crowley, William A. (Laura) Crowley III, and John
6 (Chris) Crowley; her 13 grandchildren; her 2
7 great-grandchildren; her step-children, Michael Manning,
8 Lauren (Tom) Donlan, Linda Manning, Angela (Dan) Aeschliman,
9 Robert (Kristen) Manning, James Manning, and Paul (Katie)
10 Manning; her 18 step-grandchildren; her 8
11 step-great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Angela Crowley
12 Kenny and Georgana Donnelly; her cousins that were raised with
13 her, Jim (Gerrie) Kelly and Bob (Grace) Kelly; and her many
14 other cousins, nieces, and nephews; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with her
17 family and friends, mourn the passing of Rosemary "Rosie"
18 Donnelly Crowley Manning; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Rosemary Crowley Manning as an
21 expression of our sympathy.