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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 Mary Catherine (Bloze) Thing of Des Plaines, who passed away on January 17, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Thing was born to Michael and Marie Bloze in Chicago on January 8, 1928; she was raised in Chicago, graduating from Knickerbocker Grammar School in 1942 and Waller High School in 1946; she married C. Wayne Thing on October 2, 1948, and they moved to Des Plaines in 1958, where they raised their three children; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Thing worked at Montgomery Ward on Chicago Avenue from 1946 until the birth of her first child in 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Thing was an at-home mother who also spent much of her time volunteering; she delivered Meals on Wheels for over 40 years; she began volunteering for the Tourette Syndrome Association in 1978, serving the organization for over 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Thing was a very active member of St Mary's Church in Des Plaines, belonging to the church's Altar and Rosary Society since 1960; she was also a member of the Des

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1 Plains History Center, where she enjoyed helping with  
2 mailings; and

3 WHEREAS, Mary Thing was preceded in death by her husband  
4 of 56 years, C. Wayne Thing, and her brother, Michael; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Thing is survived by her children, Wayne  
6 (Pamela) Thing, James (Monica) Thing, and Dianne (Kurt) Kuehn;  
7 seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren, with a  
8 sixth on the way; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Mary Catherine (Bloze) Thing and extend our sincere  
12 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
13 her; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Mary Thing as an expression of our  
16 deepest sympathy.