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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 Anna Shepard of Oak Park, who passed away on December 30, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Anna Shepard was born on September 28, 1920; her parents were Albert and Martha (Ginter) Pawelski of Chicago; she grew up in the Logan Square area of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Interested in classical music and having a strong contralto voice, Anna Shepard attended the Chicago Conservatory of Music, where she was invited into the Master Oratorio Class taught by Dr. Edgar Nelson, conservatory president; and

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WHEREAS, Anna Shepard was a soloist for various Chicago-area churches, as well as Temple Sholom, where she was a member of the solo octet for seven years; she was also a soloist in the oratorios of Bach and other Baroque composers at the University of Chicago's Collegium Musicum; and

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WHEREAS, Anna Shepard was a member of First Baptist Church of Oak Park and the Chi Sigma cultural group; she was a singer in various McDowell Artists productions, an interpreter for the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust for 15 years, and a tour

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1 guide with the Historic Wright Walk and Unity Temple; and

2 WHEREAS, Anna Shepard is survived by her husband of 54
3 years, Lyman Shepard; her son, Drake (Beverly); and her two
4 grandsons; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
7 her family and friends, the passing of Anna Shepard; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Anna Shepard as an expression of our
11 sympathy.