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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 Joan Marie Garrow Fitzgerald of Godfrey, who passed away on February 13, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born in Chicago on February 8, 1931, the daughter of Robert G. and Josephine Cole Garrow; she graduated from St. Barnabas Grade School, the Academy of Our Lady at Longwood, and Mundelein Catholic Girls College of Chicago with a Bachelor of Science degree; and

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WHEREAS, She taught school in the Chicago Public School System prior to her marriage; she was also a substitute teacher at St. Patrick's and Sts. Peter and Paul grade schools in Alton; she was a member of St. Patrick's Church of Alton for many years and then a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, She loved her life and roles of wife, mother, grandmother, friend, teacher, homemaker, cook, coach, golfer, gardener, shopper, and confidant, among others; she also loved Chicago, Notre Dame, and Lake Ozark; and

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WHEREAS, On May 7, 1955, she entered into the Sacrament of Matrimony with Emmett Fitzgerald at Queen of Martyrs Catholic

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1 Church in Chicago; and

2 WHEREAS, Her brother, William F. Garrow, preceded her in
3 death; and

4 WHEREAS, Joan Marie Garrow Fitzgerald is survived by her
5 husband; her children, Timothy and his wife, Kelly, Michael and
6 his wife, Susan, Peter and his wife, Michelle, Daniel and his
7 wife, Stephanie, Kathleen, and Maura and her husband, John
8 Sedlack; her 11 grandchildren, Christopher, Ryan, Michael S.,
9 David, Molly, Patrick, Joseph, Maria, and Jane Fitzgerald, and
10 John E. Sedlack; and her two great-grandchildren, Michael J.
11 and Katie Fitzgerald; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 her family and friends, the passing of Joan Marie Garrow
15 Fitzgerald; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Joan Marie Garrow Fitzgerald as a
18 symbol of our sincere sympathy.