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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 Frances Hrovatin Troha of Waukegan, who passed away on March 20, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on January 27, 1910 in Waukegan, to Slovenian immigrants Mary (nee Opeka) and Jacob Hrovatin; she married the late August Robert Troha in 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Cultural activities at Waukegan's Slovenic Hall were the hub of her childhood; she became a life-time member and later, an officer of the SNPJ Society; she was also an active member and officer in the Waukegan Women's Club; her strongest affiliation was her membership in Christ Episcopal Church in Waukegan, where she taught Sunday school for forty years and was an active participant in numerous Outreach programs; through the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, she established and administered a Naturalization Education and Testing Center at Christ Episcopal Church; she also served as a member of the Hunger Task Force and worked actively for Heifer Project International; and

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WHEREAS, Family hardships did not allow her to complete her high school education when she was a teen; through determination and perseverance, she later earned a GED and

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1 diplomas from dance schools in Chicago, which enabled her to
2 establish her own dance studio in Waukegan; she later taught
3 children's tap and ballet in her home, gave eighth grade
4 graduation dance lessons, and taught Ballroom Dance for the
5 Waukegan Adult Evening School; having earned many college
6 credit hours, she was asked to add GED and Adult Basic
7 Education courses to her Evening School teaching load, while
8 working in telephone sales at Sears Roebuck; and

9 WHEREAS, By 1963, she earned a Provisional Teaching
10 Certificate and began teaching in the North Chicago Public
11 Schools; she received her BS in Education from Carthage College
12 in 1969 and transferred her teaching skills to the Waukegan
13 Public Schools; she earned her Masters Degree in Education from
14 National Louis University and retired in 1975; she continued to
15 teach evening school courses at the College of Lake County
16 until her mid-eighties; and

17 WHEREAS, She actively enjoyed family gatherings, dining at
18 restaurants, traveling, walking, watching Channel 11, reading,
19 drawing, and communing with nature; and

20 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her sisters, Mary
21 (Mitzi) Courser and Estelle Watts; and her brothers, Frank,
22 John, and Victor Hrovatin; and

1 WHEREAS, Frances Troha is survived by her sister, Christine
2 (Tina) Henriksen; her many nieces and nephews; and her
3 children, Maryfrances Troha (Greg Thompson) and Thomas (Tim)
4 Troha, II (Rita); she was "Nana" to her granddaughters,
5 Meredith Maseman (Brian), Christina Harris (Don), Ashley
6 Butler-Troha, and Tess Troha-Thompson; and her 5
7 great-grandchildren, Madelyn and Brayden Maseman, Abigail and
8 Jackson Harris, and Scarlett Butler-Troha; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 her family and friends, the passing of Frances Hrovatin Troha;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Frances Hrovatin Troha as a symbol
15 of our sincere sympathy.