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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 Marie T. (nee Vilona) Wilt, who passed away on December 14, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Marie Wilt was born in Chicago on January 27, 1931; she graduated from Austin High School in 1947; she completed her graduate nursing degree at Little Company of Mary School of Nursing from 1949 to 1952 and her post-graduate obstetric nursing education at Chicago Lying-In Hospital, University of Chicago, from 1952 to 1953; she married Edward F. Wilt, M.D. on April 11, 1953 at Resurrection Church in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Marie Wilt continued her obstetrical nursing experience at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit as assistant supervisor, obstetrical delivery rooms, 1953-1956; She was later employed as medical receptionist and office nursing supervisor in her husband's practice in Crystal Lake from 1990 to 1996; she was a McHenry Hospital Auxiliary member for 56 years; and

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WHEREAS, Marie Wilt encouraged reading as Chairperson of the McHenry Library Book Club for over 17 years; she devoted time and energy to the Landmark Commission and to the Civil War

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1 Round Table, including administering the Edward Wilt Civil War
2 Scholarship for McHenry County high school seniors; she was a
3 member of the Volo Bog Association and the McHenry County
4 Historical Society since 1965; she was also a member of the
5 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 491 and the Ladies Auxiliary
6 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4600; she was active in her
7 church; and

8 WHEREAS, Marie Wilt was a Civil War 19th century historical
9 costume re-creationist and was talented in sewing, quilting,
10 and needlepoint, with special interest in Victorian and Civil
11 War women's dress; she lectured about and demonstrated Civil
12 War era nurse's and women's dresses and uniforms at many venues
13 in McHenry County; she was a docent who attended city and
14 school events as "living history" in Civil War era costumes,
15 teaching children and their parents about life during those
16 times; she was membership chairperson, program developer, and,
17 along with her husband, a charter member of the McHenry County
18 Civil War Round Table discussion group; and

19 WHEREAS, Marie Wilt, through her appointment to the McHenry
20 Landmark Commission, enthusiastically and tirelessly devoted
21 time and energy in the promotion, restoration, and preservation
22 of historic structures, including securing funding for the
23 Historic Petersen Farm Homestead and the historical
24 designation of the Samantha Button house; her dream for an

1 open-air museum in McHenry evolved into the Landmark
2 Commission's "Day at Petersen Farm" - a much-loved tradition;
3 for these contributions, the City of McHenry proclaimed
4 November 12, 2014 as "Marie Wilt Day"; and

5 WHEREAS, Marie Wilt was the ultimate mom to her 3 children,
6 Dr. Carol Perenchio (Martin Perenchio), Timothy Wilt, M.D.
7 (Kristine Ensrud, M.D.), and Peter Wilt (Ann Wilt), and Grandma
8 to her 5 grandchildren, Bryan (fiancee, Karen Petsche), Evan
9 (Kathryn) and Kathleen Darger, and Grete and Ingrid Wilt;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Marie T. Wilt, and extend our sincere condolences to her
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Marie Wilt as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.