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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 Gay Bryant of Godfrey, who passed away on July 24, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Bryant was born in Miami, Oklahoma to Frank and Gladys Pauly on November 26, 1939; she was educated in the public schools in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and graduated from Lindenwood College in St. Louis, Missouri in 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Bryant worked as Director of Programming for KMOX Radio; following her marriage and her move to Alton, she devoted her life to her family, her friends, and the many organizations she served; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Bryant served consecutively on three boards for the Alton Memorial Hospital (Board of Directors, Foundation Board, and White Cross Auxiliary Board); her ability at creative fundraising was legendary; she also worked with the Alton Children's Theater, the Junior League of Greater Alton, the Alton Women's Home, the Alton Marketplace, Riverbend Head Start and Family Services, and the Alton Community Service League; and

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WHEREAS, Frances Bryant was named a Woman of Distinction by

1 the Alton YWCA; she was designated by the St. Louis area as a
2 Woman of Achievement, in part for her careful administration of
3 the Episcopal Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief after
4 the great flood of 1993; and

5 WHEREAS, Frances Bryant was dedicated to the Episcopal
6 Parish of Alton, where she served multiple terms on the Vestry,
7 chaired every imaginable committee, was a constant presence in
8 the kitchen, and directed the church school and youth group for
9 over 25 years; her involvement with Episcopal youth at the
10 local level soon drew her into State and national Episcopal
11 youth event planning; and

12 WHEREAS, Frances Bryant was preceded in death by her
13 husband of over 50 years, Bill, and her son, John; and

14 WHEREAS, Frances Bryant is survived by her daughter, Meg
15 Johnson (Scott Dorris), and her grandsons, Will and Bryant
16 Johnson; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Frances Gay Bryant, and extend our sincere condolences to her
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Frances Bryant as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.