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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 Dallas M. Burke of Godfrey, who passed away on January 27, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Dallas Burke was born in Germantown, Wisconsin to Adolph and Beulah (Lied) Strack on November 9, 1926; she graduated from the cadet program at the St. Joseph School of Nursing and was the school nurse at Western Military Academy in Alton for a short time; she married Thomas J. "Bud" Burke Jr. in Alton on June 25, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Dallas Burke co-owned and operated the Burke Funeral Home in Alton and Grafton for many years with her husband; and

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WHEREAS, Dallas Burke was the first female coroner elected in the State of Illinois, serving from 1972 until her retirement in 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Dallas Burke was awarded the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Dallas Burke was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thomas; and her son, Thomas J. "TJ" Burke III; and

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1           WHEREAS, Dallas Burke is survived by her daughters, Debby  
2           (Marc) Lambert, Sandy (Nick) Moehn, and Pam Burke-O'Boyle; her  
3           son, Shaun Burke; her grandchildren, Jamie Lambert (Sean  
4           VanMeter), Jeremy "Bo" (Roo) Lambert, Shane Lambert (Katelyn  
5           Burns), Jodie (Danny) Thomeczek, Geoffrey Moehn, Marcie (Dan)  
6           Boyce, Niki Jo (Jeremy) Elliott, Molly (Robert) McAfoos, Niles  
7           Moehn, Amber O'Boyle, Marissa O'Boyle, Shealor O'Boyle, and  
8           Trevor O'Boyle; and 12 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
10          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11          Dallas M. Burke, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
12          family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
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14          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15          presented to the family of Dallas Burke as an expression of our  
16          deepest sympathy.