

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois learned with regret of the passing of Bernadette
4 "Bunny" Cline, founder and executive director of the Chicago
5 Myeloma Foundation, on Wednesday, September 3, 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Bernadette Cline's first cancer diagnosis came
7 30 years ago, not long after being named Ms. Chicago; the
8 diagnosis wasn't her last, however, as Hodgkin's disease was
9 followed by lymphoma, cervical cancer, and multiple myeloma;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Cline's three-decade survival far surpassed
12 doctors' expectations, inspiring others and allowing her to
13 launch the Chicago Myeloma Foundation in 2000; Ms. Cline
14 served as executive director of the myeloma foundation; the
15 foundation serves patients in the Midwest, a group Ms. Cline
16 felt was underserved by existing myeloma groups on both
17 coasts; she was always an advocate of getting some knowledge
18 to the patient so they understood all the possible outcomes
19 and what all the possibilities were; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to the foundation, Ms. Cline was
21 involved in support groups and scheduling speakers to inform
22 the public about myeloma; she was also an advocate of a
23 woman's rights in the workplace; and

24 WHEREAS, Last year, she and State Senator Peter Roskam
25 secured a grant for more than \$175,000 from the State for
26 multiple myeloma research at Northwestern University; and

27 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Bernadette Cline was
28 supported by her devoted husband, Tim Rinkoski; therefore, be
29 it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
31 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 all who knew and loved her, the death of Bernadette "Bunny"
2 Cline of Downers Grove; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Bernadette "Bunny" Cline with our
5 sincerest condolences.