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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Marge Hartigan of Rogers Park on June 28, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Marge was born in New York and raised in Connecticut; she graduated from Marywood High School in Evanston after her father was transferred to the Chicago area; several years later, she and her family returned to the east coast; and

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WHEREAS, She met Neil Hartigan, Illinois Appellate Court judge and former Attorney General, when they were set up on a blind date, which started off as a bit of surprise when both spotted each other's striking red hair; a steady relationship grew as Marge entered Rosemont College in Rosemont, Pennsylvania, and Neil pursued a law degree at Loyola University in Chicago; the couple married 1962, a week after she graduated from college and settled in Rogers Park; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Hartigan began her philanthropic work in the late 1960s with several Chicago organizations; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Hartigan held positions on the boards and executive committees of such groups as the Chicago Community Trust, which presented her its James Brown Award, the Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, and the Museum of Science and Industry president's council; in addition she served on the Field Museum women's board, the Chicago Children's Museum executive committee, Lincoln Park Zoological Society women's board; and she was vice chair of the Jane Addams Juvenile Court Foundation; and

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WHEREAS, She was co-chairman for fund-raising for neurobiology with Children's Memorial Hospital; she was on the

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1 Cook County-Rush Health Center Board, the Lekotek board of
2 directors, the National Mental Health Association executive
3 board, and she served on the Prevention of Child Abuse national
4 committee; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hartigan was a member of the Mundelein
6 College board, the Rosemont College president's council, and
7 the women's board and executive council of Northwestern
8 University; from Mundelein, she received the Magnificat Medal
9 and the Advocacy Leadership Award; and

10 WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton appointed Mrs. Hartigan to
11 serve on the advisory committee for the John F. Kennedy Center
12 for the Performing Arts; she was also on the Chicago Music and
13 Dance Theatre executive committee, the Chicago Symphony
14 Orchestra Women's Association board, and John C. Houlsby
15 Foundation board; and

16 WHEREAS, In business, she was president of Dunco, a real
17 estate consulting firm, and was on the board of Dor-O-Matic;
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19 WHEREAS, Although she held dozens of key volunteer
20 positions with Chicago area foundations and organizations,
21 those who knew her well were more apt to talk about the value
22 she attached to family and friendships; she considered the
23 successful lives of her four children as the greatest monument
24 to her life; and

25 WHEREAS, Marge Hartigan's passing will be deeply felt by
26 many, especially her husband, Neil; her son, John; her
27 daughters, Elizabeth Connelly, Laura Jenkins, and Bridget
28 Routh; her mother, Kathleen Dunne; and five grandchildren;
29 therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
2 Marge Hartigan along with all who knew and loved her and extend
3 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and community;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Marge Hartigan as an expression of
7 our respect and esteem.