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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 Dr. Mina Rea Perlow of Downers Grove on April 19, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Mina Rea was born on July 14, 1909 in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Samuel Beriah and Violet Carter Jones; and

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WHEREAS, She attended Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, where she received a bachelor's degree in chemistry and was the first Phi Beta Kappa recipient from that college; she later went on to get a master's degree in chemistry from Pennsylvania State University and a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Chicago in 1941; it was during graduate school when she met her husband, whom she married a few months later; they recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, While working on her thesis at University of Chicago, she did research on the chemistry of lithium hydrides, work which turned out to have practical application in the making of military equipments, such as airplane engines and radios; and

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WHEREAS, During World War II, Dr. Perlow and her husband lived in Washington D.C., where she worked at the War Production Board; after the war, the couple returned to the Chicago area, and she became a part-time consultant chemist at Argonne National Laboratory near Downers Grove, where for many years she worked with her husband, assisting him and other scientists in various projects; and

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WHEREAS, A faithful Downers Grove resident since 1953, she was active in the League of Women Voters; in her retirement,

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1 she was also an enthusiastic sailor, a sport she frequently
2 shared with family and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Mina Rea Perlow will be deeply
4 felt by many, especially her husband, Dr. Gilbert Perlow; her
5 brother David C. Jones; and three generations of nieces
6 nephews, and cousins; and

7 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by five sisters and one
8 brother; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
11 Dr. Mina Rea Perlow along with all who knew and loved her and
12 extend our sincere condolences to her friends and family; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Dr. Mina Rea Perlow as an expression
16 of our deepest sympathy.