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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 Mary Fran Flowers of Montgomery, who passed away on April 21, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Flowers was born on September 26, 1947, in Chicago, the daughter of Harold and Mary, nee Behan, Tolan; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Tolan met William Flowers when he was a naval cadet at the Great Lakes base, where she was volunteering at the USO; they married in 1968 and moved to California for the duration of his military service; when they returned to Chicago, William Flowers began his civilian career as a truck driver and Mary Flowers worked as a geriatric nurse in several area hospitals, including Good Samaritan in Downers Grove; and

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WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s, she started the Picture Window Antiques shop in Oswego; the family moved to Montgomery in 1992 to be closer to the store, although it later went out of business; Mary was a lifelong Democratic activist, and got involved in the local political scene, winning a seat on the Oswego Library District Board; her oldest daughter, Jennifer, re-founded the Democratic Party within months of moving to Montgomery; every member of the family has served the small local party as precinct committeemen or as candidates; and Mary

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1 Flowers ran for the Kendall County Board twice; and

2 WHEREAS, She belonged to St. Anne's Catholic Church in
3 Oswego, the Democratic Party of Kendall County, and Friends of
4 Oswego Public Library; she was also a Licensed Practical Nurse;
5 she was preceded in death by her parents; and her son Patrick;
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7 WHEREAS, Mary was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and a
8 faithful friend who will be dearly missed by all; she is
9 survived by her husband of 39 years of marriage, William; her
10 children, Jennifer Flowers, Elizabeth Flowers, Timothy (Katie)
11 Flowers, Martin Flowers, and Catherine Flowers; and her
12 grandchildren, Jack, Taylor, and Bridget Flowers; therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
16 her family and friends, the passing of Mary Fran Flowers; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Mary Fran Flowers as a symbol of our
20 sympathy.