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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 Delia "Dede" Neal (nee Cacia) of Morris, who passed away on June 24, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Dede was born on August 1, 1959 in Joliet; her parents are Tom and Mary Cacia of Joliet; Dede graduated from Joliet Central High School in 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Her siblings are John (Elizabeth) Cacia, Elizabeth Cacia, and Evangeline Cacia, who passed away in 1984; Dede married David Neal on November 15, 1985 in Joliet and they have two children, Michael David Neal and Erica Rose Neal; they all survive her and will miss her; in addition to her immediate family and parents, Dede is survived by her sister, Elizabeth; her brother, John; his wife Elizabeth; and their children, Nicole and Louis; her friend and Oncologist, Dr. Janet Wolter; Dede is also survived by hundreds of individuals whose lives were impacted by this selfless, loyal and caring, living definition of the words "Trusted Friend"; and

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WHEREAS, After attending Joliet Junior College, Dede pursued a career in court reporting; she graduated from the Rydman School in Joliet and opened Tri-County Court Reporters in Morris, which she operated from 1982 to 1985; she also

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1 worked for Burger King in Joliet, the Will County State's
2 Attorney, Boodler's Place Restaurant in Coal City, and
3 Commonwealth Edison in Braidwood, LaSalle, and Oak Brook; she
4 then opened Dede's Dance and Treasures in Morris, providing
5 dance wear for little girls, big girls, and their mommies; she
6 operated this business for about four years until it was
7 destroyed by a fire; and

8 WHEREAS, Dede also enjoyed working within her community,
9 organizing the first ever Jail and Bail for the Grundy County
10 Chapter of the American Cancer Society and setting a State
11 record for fundraising; she managed David Neal's campaigns for
12 Grundy County State's Attorney; she was a volunteer, serving as
13 a classroom helper, Cub Scout helper, cheerleader helper, and a
14 Morris High School pom mom; and

15 WHEREAS, At the time of her passing, Dede was in the
16 process of forming the "Dede Neal Breast Cancer Research Fund";
17 Dede was preceded in death by her sister, Angie; her
18 grandparents, Louis and Evangeline Staver and Thomas and Delia
19 Cacia; her aunt, Catherine Staver; and her mother-in-law,
20 Rosemary Neal; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
23 her family and friends, the passing of Delia "Dede" Neal; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Delia "Dede" Neal as a symbol of our
4 sincere sympathy.