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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 Helen Rose Kessler of Bethalto, who passed away on January 7, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on January 27, 1917, in Pueblo, Colorado, the daughter of Rufus E. and Helen M. (Woods) Craig; she married Joseph D. Kessler on May 26, 1934 in Salem; and

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WHEREAS, She worked at Bethalto High School for 12 years and at Frankie's Sewing and Alteration at Wilshire Village in East Alton; she was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Godfrey, a Sunday school teacher and choir member at Concordia Lutheran Church in Cottage Hills, and had been a member of Senior Citizens and Tops Club in Bethalto since 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Kessler was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; her parents; her three sons, Jon, Joseph, and James; and her two brothers, Kenneth and Ned Craig; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Kessler is survived by her daughters, Anna B. Shaw and Beverly J. Miller; her sons and daughters-in-law, Gary D. and Janice Kessler and Phillip E. and Deborah Kessler; her grandchildren, Joseph N. Kessler, Maria Dalton, Shari Yates, Cynthia Cervera, Jon Kessler, Joseph D. Kessler, Alissa

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1 Dawson, Cory Kessler, and Rayna Kessler; her nine
2 great-grandchildren; her daughter-in-law, Judith Kessler; and
3 her sister, Martha J. Wiegel; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 her family and friends, the passing of Helen Rose Kessler; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Helen Rose Kessler as a symbol of
10 our sincere sympathy.