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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 Berniece Eileen Tonsor of Jerseyville, who passed away on December 22, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, She was born in Richwood Township in Jersey County on March 12, 1928, one of five daughters born to the late John and Sophia (Ontis) Skinner; she was a graduate of Jersey Township High School, where she was voted by her classmates as the girl with the "most beautiful tresses"; and

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WHEREAS, She married John Robert Tonsor on April 17, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fieldon and the two shared 30 years together before his sudden death on July 25, 1978; and

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WHEREAS, After her husband passed away she became a caregiver to elderly people in their homes; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son-in-law, John Stafford; and her two sisters, Doris Harvey and Thelma Watts; and

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WHEREAS, Berniece Tonsor is survived by her children and their spouses, Cindy and Neal Wittman, Joan and Jim Withers, Patty and Bill Kuebrich, JR and Pam Tonsor, Phillip and Becky

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1 Tonsor, Tina and Mike Bennett, Fran and Larry Bear, DeeDee
2 Tonsor, and Missy and Jeff Davis; her grandchildren and their
3 spouses, Chris and Pam Wittman, Jennifer and John Lyles, Briana
4 and Brian Jackson, Sarah and Clarence Grebner, Tony Kuebrich,
5 Paul Kuebrich, Brad and Wendy Tonsor, Barry Tonsor, Erin
6 Tonsor, Bobby Tonsor, Josh and Mindy Tonsor, Jenny and Kevin
7 Macias, Jessie Tonsor and her fiance, Jason Ray, Justin Tonsor,
8 Kevin and Bernadette Bennett, Matt Bennett, Adam Bennett and
9 his fiance, Keegan Thompson, P.J. Bennett, Lauren Davis, Trevor
10 Davis, and Morgan Davis; her great-grandchildren, Shelby and
11 Veronica Wittman, Logan Lyles, Hannah and Hailey Tonsor,
12 Jackson Tonsor, Lucy and Jude Bennett, Jack and Drew Macias,
13 Ava Tonsor, Margaret Grebner, and two due in February; her
14 step-grandchildren, Brian and his wife, Lori Withers, Eric
15 Withers, and Blake Withers; her step-great-grandchildren, Alex
16 and Cameron Withers and Peyton Withers; her sisters, Mary
17 Schloman and Betty Ritter; and her mother-in-law, Ceil Groppe;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 her family and friends, the passing of Berniece Tonsor; and be
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to the family of Berniece Tonsor as a symbol of our

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1 sincere sympathy.