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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 Nancy Marie Leonardi of Aurora, who passed away on January 26, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on June 17th, 1935 in Appleton, Wisconsin, the daughter of Marvin B. and Evelyn C. (Haen) Ellis; she was a graduate of St. Joseph grade school and attended Appleton Senior High until her father was transferred to Aurora with the Vendo Company; she graduated the next year from East Aurora High School, Class of 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Shortly after graduation, she met her future husband, Louis V. Leonardi Jr., during a TV service call; he was so struck by her beauty, and too nervous to ask her out, that he made up an excuse that allowed him to gather his courage and return the next day; Nancy and Louis were married on February 19, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many; affectionately known as "Nan Babes", she was an avid bowler, a masterful cook (her lasagna was legendary), a great hostess, an accomplished seamstress, and a huge fan of the White Sox, Packers, and Wheel of Fortune; she enjoyed attending and cheering for her children and grandchildren at

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1 various sporting events and rarely missed a game; she was a  
2 member of Holy Angels Parish, St. Anne's Society, and numerous  
3 bowling leagues; in 2008 she was inducted as an honorary member  
4 of the Greater Aurora United States Bowling Congress; and

5 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin  
6 and Evelyn Ellis; her husband, Louis Jr.; her father-in-law,  
7 Louis Sr.; her uncle, Clifford Haen; and her aunts, Dorothy  
8 Conway, Cordell Michels, and Alice Christianson; and

9 WHEREAS, She is survived by her six children, Victoria  
10 (Michael) McCoy, Debra Owens, Michael Leonardi, Anthony  
11 (Ellen) Leonardi, Christina (Jeffrey) Robinson, and Louis III  
12 (Ximena) Leonardi; her grandchildren, Joseph, Mark and Kate  
13 McCoy, Lisa and Brian Owens, Olivia, Raymond and Vincent  
14 Leonardi, Nicholas and Julianne Robinson, and Louis IV, James,  
15 Jake, and Sophia Leonardi; her mother-in-law, Beverly (Pope)  
16 Leonardi; her in-laws, James Leonardi and Janis (Rod) Van  
17 Fleet; her uncle, Richard Haen; and her numerous nieces and  
18 nephews and a large extended family; 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 Nancy Leonardi; and be  
22 it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Nancy Leonardi as a symbol of our  
3 sincere sympathy.