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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 Dorothy Boyd Sinclair of Peoria, who passed away on May 20, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Sinclair was born on April 21, 1929, in Adairsville, Georgia; she was the daughter of Thelma Satterfield Boyd and Robert Boyd; she married Henry Sinclair on April 18, 1955, in St. Louis, Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Sinclair attended Cartersville, Georgia High School and Georgia State College for Women, now Georgia College and State University, in Milledgeville, Georgia, where she earned her bachelor's degree with honors in chemistry; she then earned her master's degree in chemistry at Wellesley University and was elected to the Sigma Xi scientific society; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Sinclair had worked at Mallinckrodt Chemical Works in St. Louis, Missouri and Beacon Chemical Co. in Cambridge, Massachusetts; she was also a laboratory instructor in chemistry at Illinois Central College in East Peoria and worked for the Peoria Historical Society; and

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WHEREAS, Dorothy Sinclair was active in the League of Women

1 Voters of Peoria, having served for 2 years as its president  
2 and 6 years as the Peoria City Council observer for its Local  
3 Government Study Group (LOGO); she spearheaded the LOGO's  
4 petition drive to change the manner of election to the Peoria  
5 City Council from a ward system to the present council/manager  
6 system; she was also a member of the League of Women Voters of  
7 Peoria, the Peoria Women's Civic Federation, the American  
8 Association of University Women, and the Peoria Women's Club;  
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10 WHEREAS, Dorothy Sinclair was elected to the Peoria City  
11 Council as a council-at-large member in 1975; she was  
12 re-elected 4 times and served until her retirement in 1991; she  
13 ran unsuccessfully for mayor in Peoria in 1989; she was the  
14 Peoria Historical Society's administrative head for several  
15 years; she assisted in the acquisition and moving of the Peoria  
16 Visitors Center; she also promoted, trained, and served as a  
17 tour guide for historic trolley tours and was a board member of  
18 the Tri-County Riverfront Action Forum, focusing on  
19 restoration of the Illinois River and Peoria's riverfront; and

20 WHEREAS, Dorothy Sinclair was the recipient of numerous  
21 awards, including the Rhodell Owens Award, Peoria's  
22 Tricentennial Commission Award, the YWCA's Legend and  
23 Outstanding Achievement Professions Award, the Betty Osborne  
24 Award, and the Universalist Unitarian Church Outstanding

1 Service Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Dorothy Sinclair is survived by her husband; her  
3 daughter, Claudia; and her son, Ian; 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 Dorothy Boyd Sinclair;  
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Dorothy Sinclair as an expression of  
10 our sympathy.