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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 Mary Ann Cahill of McHenry, who passed away on October 26, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Cahill was born in Chicago on June 10, 1927 to John William and Olivia (nee Spoerlein) Phalen; she married Charles "Chuck" Cahill on June 5, 1948 in Chicago and they settled in Libertyville; and

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WHEREAS, In 1956, Mary Cahill was a founding member of La Leche League International, which grew from 7 mothers in Franklin Park to a worldwide organization dedicated to "good mothering through breastfeeding"; she wrote the first manual for the League after the members decided they could no longer keep up with the demand for information by writing individual letters back to the many mothers asking for help; she was the author of "Seven Voices, One Dream", an oral history of the League in the words of the founders; she also wrote "The Heart Has Its Own Reasons" - mothering wisdom for the 1980's - and numerous articles; she was an emeritus member of the Board of Directors of the League; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Cahill, along with her husband, were leaders in the Christian Family Movement at St. Joseph Catholic Church

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1 in Libertyville, and she helped establish the Society of St.
2 Vincent de Paul at The Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry; on
3 September 14, 2014, she was recognized as a Catholic Woman of
4 Inspiration by the McHenry Deanery Council of Catholic Women;
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6 WHEREAS, Mary Cahill was preceded in death by her husband,
7 Charles; her parents; and her 2 brothers, Francis and William;
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9 WHEREAS, Mary Cahill is survived by a very special
10 sister-in-law, Ann Phalen; her children, Robert (Julie)
11 Cahill, Elizabeth (Jerry) Rickert, Timothy Cahill, Teresa
12 (Dean) Braun, Mary (Bob) Sislow, Joseph (Martha) Cahill,
13 Margaret (Dennis) Fisk, Charlene "Charlie" (Bob) DeVries,
14 Frances Cahill, and Janet Buhrman (Rich Osnoss), who lived with
15 the family during her elementary years and has been at the
16 family table ever since; her 20 grandchildren; and her 15
17 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Mary Ann Cahill, and extend our sincere condolences to her
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Mary Cahill as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.