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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jeanne Flynn, who passed away on March 31, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne Flynn was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 24, 1944 to Earl Douglas and Jean Flynn; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne Flynn was a graduate of Saint Mary's of Notre Dame Preparatory School, Rosary College, and received her her Master's Degree from Sangamon State University, now known as the University of Illinois at Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne Flynn enjoyed a life career in Democratic politics; over the years she served in many positions for the State of Illinois that included working for Michael Bakalis in the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; as Director of Legislative Affairs for Secretary of State Alan J. Dixon; as administrator and advocate of programs for senior citizens, including the creation of the Silver Pages in the phone book, under Jim Edgar; and most recently, as a consultant at the Illinois State Library where she developed programs for the disabled and established numerous intergenerational programs between seniors and children, including oral history programs to ensure that the stories of World War II veterans are passed down to future generations; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne Flynn was a lifelong activist in grassroots Democratic politics; as a youth, she worked with Saul Alinsky, and she served on numerous political campaigns for Paul Douglas, Robert Kennedy, Paul Simon, as well as many local and State candidates; and

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WHEREAS, Jeanne Flynn was a member of numerous organizations, including the Animal Protective League,

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1 Planned Parenthood, the Springfield Center for Independent
2 Living, and the Mini-O'Beirne Crisis Nursery; she was
3 instrumental in the establishment of the Ms. Senior Illinois
4 Pageant, and was a tireless and effective fundraiser for many
5 boards, including the Aids Walk; she was the recipient of the
6 prestigious J.C. Penney Community Service Award and received
7 many other honors during her career; and

8 WHEREAS, Jeanne Flynn was a lifelong fan of the
9 University of Notre Dame and a lover of all dogs; and

10 WHEREAS, The passing of Jeanne Flynn will be deeply felt
11 by all who knew and loved her, especially her sister-in-law,
12 Mary Ann Flynn; her nephew, Michael; her niece, Vicky; her
13 grandniece, Lacie; her grandnephews, Joey and Robby; and an
14 enormous family of friends and colleagues; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 all who knew her, the death of Jeanne Flynn of Springfield,
18 Illinois; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Jeanne Flynn with our sincere
21 condolences.