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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 Ruth E. Flaherty, who passed away on January 21, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth E. (Glenn) Flaherty was born on March 24, 1918, in Elgin, Illinois to John M. and Eva J. Glenn; she was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, William J. Flaherty, Sr. in 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Flaherty was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church; she graduated from Holy Angels Grade School in 1932, and from Madonna High School in 1936; she later graduated from Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1940; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Flaherty retired from Mercy Center Hospital in 1984, where she worked for 15 years as a medical technologist; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth Flaherty devoted her life to family and faith; she lovingly raised eight children, encouraging virtue, compassion, kindness, and respect and faced life's challenges with strength, grace, and dignity; and

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WHEREAS, The death of Ruth E. Flaherty will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her brother, John (Eileen) Glenn; her brother-in-law, Gregory Molitor; her sister-in-law, Marjorie Glenn; her seven children, Joan Elizabeth (Dr. Antonio Riera) Flaherty, William J. Flaherty, Jr., Mark (Colleen) Flaherty, Patrick (Judy) Flaherty, Judith Anne Flaherty, Ruth Marie Flaherty, and James D. (Linda) Flaherty; her grandchildren, Enrique (Arianna) Arana, Beatriz Arana, Michael and Anne Flaherty, Benjamin Flaherty, Mark, Katherine, and Daniel Flaherty, Matthew, Brian, Nicholas, Graham, and Sarah Ludmer, Amy (Akwetee Butler) Flaherty,

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1 Andrew Flaherty, and Brittany, Carly, and Timothy Flaherty;
2 her great-granddaughters, Sophia Marie Arana Cabrera and
3 Amirah Butler; and her lifelong friends, Mildred Mueller,
4 Virginia Heinz, and Rosemary Collier; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
7 all who knew her, the death of Ruth E. Flaherty of Batavia,
8 Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Ruth E. Flaherty with our sincere
11 condolences.