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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mary Jo Hoover McGann, who passed away on April 25, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Jo Hoover McGann was born on May 28, 1921 in Milton, Illinois, to Mary Meserve and Fred Gilbert Hoover; and

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WHEREAS, After attending Milton High School for three years, Mrs. McGann moved to Pittsfield; she graduated in 1940 from Pittsfield High School, where she met her future husband, George Edward McGann, who preceded her in death in 1989; after high school she went to work at the Brown Shoe Factory in Pittsfield as a bookkeeper and married George McGann on January 25, 1943; she was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Pittsfield; and

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WHEREAS, Family was the essence of Mary Jo McGann; together with her husband she devoted her life to her family; and

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WHEREAS, Creative through and through, Mary Jo McGann was one of Pittsfield's finest dressmakers and seamstresses; she designed and created the prom and wedding gowns for each of her daughters; in addition, she made her wardrobe and the formal clothing for her husband and children; she had a unique skill to look and study a garment and then create her own version; and

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WHEREAS, In 1988 Illinois Democratic Chairman Vince Demuzio named Mrs. McGann a Special participant to the 1988 Democratic Convention; Special Participants choose a replacement for the presidential and/or vice presidential nominees if they leave the ticket before the election; in addition, she was a veteran of the Altar Society, PTA, a Cub

1 Scout Den mother, and a member of many other local  
2 organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, Mary Jo McGann had a wry and wonderful sense of  
4 humor, a strong sense of grace, honor, and duty, a powerful  
5 sense of place and history, and a deep courage and common  
6 sense found only in this part of the world; she had a large  
7 and varied repertoire of rural wisdom and sayings, such as  
8 "Trot mammy, trot pappy, how do you expect the colt to  
9 pace?"; one of her favorites and most used sayings was "A job  
10 worth doing is worth doing well"; and

11 WHEREAS, The passing of Mary Jo Hoover McGann will be  
12 deeply felt by all who knew and loved her, especially her  
13 children, Mary Margaret (Mark) Dal Pozzo, G. Michael McGann,  
14 James McGann, Kathleen McGann, Patrick (Jennifer) McGann, and  
15 David McGann; her grandchildren, Margaret Flynn (Fred) Robb  
16 LaVigne, Christopher (Amy) McGann Robb, Ryan McGann, and  
17 Colby McGann; her great-grandchild, John Mark Robb; her  
18 brother, Paul "Bill" Hoover; and her sister, Frances Snider;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
22 all who knew her, the death of Mary Jo Hoover McGann of  
23 Pittsfield, Illinois; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
25 presented to the family of Mary Jo Hoover McGann with our  
26 sincere condolences.