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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Noel Hoyt of Evanston on February 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Nole Hoyt lived in Evanston since 1965; after graduation from Marymount College in New York, she worked as an ad writer for Carson Pirie Scott & Co. in Chicago; she then dedicated herself to raising her 6 children, and her marriage to Tom Hoyt; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hoyt remained active in the family publishing business as a proof reader and worked as a precinct captain with the Democratic Party of Evanston for many years; through the 60s and 70s she struggled with addiction to amphetamines and alcohol; a personal triumph was that after entering recovery in 1983, she remained sober for the rest of her life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hoyt was best loved for her adventurous and fun-loving nature; she turned her bedroom into a 15th century Italian Villa by hiring a professional artist to paint all four walls, the doors, and the ceiling in the "trompe l'oeil" style; among her many adventures, Noel took her daughters hot-air ballooning in the Loire Valley of France, and talked her way into the college age work crew for a summer long architectural dig at an Etruscan ruin in La Pieta, Italy; she performed as a supernumerary in a recent performance of the Chicago Opera, where her stage instructions included, "Swoosh in. Swoosh out."; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hoyt loved architecture, and would brazenly talk her way into off-limits architectural gems, from the library at Trinity College in Dublin to Lincoln Park mansions undergoing renovations; and

1 WHEREAS, To facilitate her adventures she printed phony
2 business cards for herself and friend Jess Cunniff, stating
3 that they were respectively the "President" and "Chairman" of
4 the "Urban Studies Institute"; with their card and the
5 statement, "We are architectural historians", Noel and Jess
6 breezed past security guards and workmen; and

7 WHEREAS, The passing of Noel Hoyt will be deeply felt by
8 many, especially her children, Joshua (Joanna Brown) Hoyt, Amy
9 (Jim) Knowlton, Darcy Hoyt, Peter (Peggy) Hoyt, Phoebe (Guido)
10 Volla, and Nathaniel Hoyt; her 10 grandchildren; her brother,
11 Robert (Sheila) Berner; and her former husband and lifelong
12 friend, Tom Hoyt; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
15 Noel Hoyt along with all who knew and loved her and extend our
16 sincere condolences to her family and friends; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Noel Hoyt as a token of our deepest
20 sympathy.