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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 Judy Gay Stevenson of Oak Brook, formerly of Naperville, who passed away on June 28, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Judy Stevenson was born on December 6, 1937, in New York; she devoted herself to the clarinet, cello, chorus, band, and orchestra while attending Naperville Community High School; after moving on to North Central College, her areas of study were voice and piano; she sang for 2 years with the Robert Shaw Corale and performed with the Chicago Lyric Opera; and

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WHEREAS, Judy Stevenson was Chairman of the Board of Magnetrol International Incorporated, a global provider of process instrumentation, at the time of her passing; she joined Magnetrol (then Schaub Engineering Company) in 1964 as a part-time bookkeeper; in her first year of employment, she rose to accounting supervisor and then to accounting manager a year later; in 1967, she was elected to serve as treasurer and administrative vice president; in 1975, she became president of the company and, in 1978, bought the company; under her leadership, Magnetrol has prospered due to an aggressive commitment to research and development, new products, new technologies, training, and progressive and creative thinking;

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2 WHEREAS, Judy Stevenson was well known among her peers for  
3 her involvement and devotion to business, industry, and her  
4 community; at North Central College, she established the Harold  
5 E. Meiley Scholarship Fund, the Judy G. Stevenson Scholarship  
6 Fund, and the African Scholarship Fund; at the College of  
7 DuPage, she established the Judy G. Stevenson Scholarship and  
8 the Magnetrol Manufacturing Scholarship; she financed 6 annual  
9 scholarships to children of Magnetrol Associates and  
10 Representatives; she also supported the Naperville Heritage  
11 Society, Edward Hospital, the Naperville Riverwalk, the  
12 Millennium Carillon Foundation, Good Samaritan Hospital, and  
13 the DuPage Intergenerational Village; and

14 WHEREAS, Judy Stevenson served on the Board of Trustees at  
15 North Central College and was a member of the Chief Executive  
16 Officers Club, the National Association of Women Business  
17 Owners, the National Association of Female Executives, and  
18 Eastern Star; and

19 WHEREAS, Judy Stevenson was the recipient of numerous  
20 honors for her work in the community; she was named the YWCA  
21 Businesswoman of the Year for DuPage County in 1985, the YWCA  
22 Outstanding Woman Leader of DuPage County in 1997, and was  
23 recognized as one of The Top 500 Women-Owned Businesses in the

1 country in 1998; in April of 1999, she was honored by  
2 Naperville Central High School when she received the Alumni  
3 Recognition Award for Achievements in Business and Community  
4 Service; and

5 WHEREAS, Judy Stevenson was preceded in death by her  
6 parents, Harold and Claudia Meiley; and

7 WHEREAS, Judy Stevenson is survived by her loving daughter,  
8 Laurie Jane Swallow; her loving son, Jeffrey (Madeleine)  
9 Swallow; her three beautiful grandchildren, Emily, Heston, and  
10 Connor; her dear sister, Claudia Jeanne (Robert) Patterson; and  
11 her dear brothers, Charles Meiley and Emery "Duke" (Judy)  
12 Meiley; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
15 her family and friends, the passing of Judy Gay Stevenson; and  
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Judy Gay Stevenson as an expression  
19 of our sympathy.