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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 Helen J. Anderson of Hinsdale, who passed away on November 7, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, She was extremely proud of her family and her Welsh heritage; she was smart, creative, and had a quick wit; she often referred to herself and her husband as "a good team"; her husband frequently announced that she was "the prettiest bride of the 50's", a good wife, and a superb writer; and

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WHEREAS, She was born and raised in the Chicago area, and later attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison as her father had before her; she was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and graduated with a degree in journalism; and

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WHEREAS, She was an accomplished journalist and managing editor of 2 national publications, "Small Homes Guide" and "Home Modernizing"; she also worked as a freelance travel and feature writer for the Chicago Tribune for many years; one of her proudest accomplishments was to have one of her travel stories on France on the cover of the travel section of the Chicago Tribune; and

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WHEREAS, She believed in doing research for her stories the

1 "old fashioned way" by going to the library and talking to  
2 people as opposed to using the Internet; she loved traveling  
3 with her family and enjoyed painting and writing poetry; she  
4 was very generous and contributed annually to many  
5 organizations, including the Union Church of Hinsdale, where  
6 she had been a Sunday school teacher, and the Rush University  
7 Medical Center, where she, like her mother, had served on the  
8 Women's Board; and

9 WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her parents, Maldwyn  
10 L. and Catherine P. Jones; and her sister, Marian J. Hansen;  
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12 WHEREAS, She was the loving wife for 57 years of Alan  
13 Frederick Anderson; the beloved mother of Cathy L. Anderson and  
14 Nancy J. Anderson; and the fond aunt of Catherine A. and David  
15 J. Hansen; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
18 her family and friends, the passing of Helen Anderson; and be  
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Helen Anderson as a symbol of our  
22 sincere sympathy.