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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 Abruscato of Wheeling, who passed away on December 28, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Judy Abruscato was born in 1934 and, after the death of her parents, was raised by her grandmother; at the age of 13, she won her first election when she was voted student president at her elementary school; she started working in a Chicago store, where she decorated windows, at age 14; before she turned 16, she began working at a bank, showing other employees how to fill out statements and file; in 2013, at the age of 78, she celebrated her 35th anniversary at MB Financial, where she worked as the Wheeling Branch Manager and Vice President; and

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WHEREAS, After moving to Wheeling with her husband in 1969, Judy Abruscato became active in the community; she served on the village's Zoning Board of Appeals and then as a village trustee for 22 years; she was elected president in 2009, a position she held until 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Judy Abruscato's community involvement went beyond her service in village government; she was also active in the Wheeling High School Parent Teacher Organization, the

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1 Wheeling High School Instrumental League, the Wheeling Lioness  
2 Club, the Wheeling Rotary Club, the Wheeling and Prospect  
3 Heights Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Wheeling Garden  
4 Club, the Wheeling Historical Society, and the Wheeling Senior  
5 Center Foundation; and

6 WHEREAS, Judy Abruscato's accomplishments include starting  
7 the holiday Festival of Lights, the Taste of Wheeling, and the  
8 Fourth of July fireworks; she also helped secure bulletproof  
9 vests for police officers and worked on a program to reimburse  
10 businesses for improving their building facades; she dedicated  
11 decades of her life to all facets of community service and was  
12 the definition of what it means to be a public servant; her  
13 influence will continue for many years to come; and

14 WHEREAS, Judy Abruscato was the loving wife of the late  
15 Mario; the beloved mother of Valerie (Alden Lewis) Abruscato  
16 and Tony (Sam Griffith) Abruscato, the cherished nana of  
17 Nicholas and Jackson, and the loving aunt and friend of many;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Judy Abruscato and extend our sincere condolences to her  
22 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
23 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Judy Abruscato as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.