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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 Vicki L. Haugen of Vermilion County, who passed away on February 11, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen was born to Cleta and Melvin Taylor on July 27, 1957; she attended Danville High School; she graduated from the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Business Administration; she married Wayne Haugen in Maui, Hawaii; and

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WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen joined the Economic Development Corporation in Danville at its inception in 1982; she initially served as the vice president of marketing and then as the president and CEO until 2002; she was a faculty member for the Illinois Basic Economic Development program since 1995; she became the founding president and CEO of Vermilion Advantage in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen was responsible for the implementation and oversight of economic development activities, business services, and workforce development for Vermilion County; as a direct result of her work, thousands of local jobs were created and retained, ensuring Vermilion County's viability; her tireless efforts resulted in new

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1 business locations and/or extensive local expansions; she was
2 the driving force in the development of both the Eastgate and
3 Southgate Industrial Parks; she led a coalition which resulted
4 in a \$70 million Carle Hospital investment in Danville's west
5 downtown area; her leadership was critical to the success of an
6 18-month retail expansion for Danville in 2013 that created
7 over 500,000 square feet of new retail space and significantly
8 repurposed existing spaces; her pioneering workforce
9 development initiatives resulted in new education and training
10 programs, scholarships, apprenticeships, and internships,
11 which impacted thousands of local residents and was named one
12 of the seven best in the nation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce
13 Foundation; and

14 WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen received a number of regional and
15 national awards during her career, such as the Business &
16 Professional Women's Club Woman of the Year Award, the United
17 Way of Danville Area Women United Leadership Award, and being
18 named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary
19 International; and

20 WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen was involved in a number of
21 organizations, including the Danville Rotary, the Executive
22 Club, and the United Way as a campaign chair; she was selected
23 by then Governor Jim Edgar to serve as a member of the Economic
24 Development Board in 1993 and 1997; and

1 WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen was deeply committed to giving back
2 to the community she loved; she will be remembered for her
3 sound judgment, spirit, and passion; and

4 WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen was preceded in death by her parents;
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6 WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen is survived by her husband, Wayne
7 Haugen; her stepdaughter, Diana Stewart-Jewsbury; Diana's twin
8 daughters, Claire and Nora; and Diana's husband, Eric Jewsbury;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Vicki L. Haugen and extend our sincere condolences to her
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Vicki L. Haugen as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.