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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 Rumsa of Waukegan, who passed away on June 11, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Rumsa was born to Frank and Anna Rumsa on June 10, 1924 and lived in Waukegan her entire life; she attended St. Bartholomew Grade School and graduated from Waukegan Township High School in 1942; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Rumsa was quite proud of the fact that the owner of Bertrand Bowling Lanes noticed her exemplary math skills as her bowling team's record keeper and offered her a job as secretary/bookkeeper, a position she held for over 40 years; prior to this, she was an executive secretary at American Steel & Wire Co in Waukegan; she also served as a board member and board secretary for the Bank of Waukegan; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Rumsa was a member of St. Dismas and previously a member of St. Bartholomew, both in Waukegan; in 1979, she was chosen to carry the gifts to the altar when Pope John Paul II visited Chicago and said Mass in Grant Park; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Rumsa was an avid golfer and bowler and competed in bowling tournaments in San Francisco, Reno, and Las

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1 Vegas; she was a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs; she enjoyed  
2 traveling to Las Vegas with her brother and sister-in-law, and  
3 more recently, visiting casinos with her brother and sister;  
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5 WHEREAS, Helen Rumsa was preceded in death by her parents;  
6 her sister-in-law, Phyllis Rumsa; her niece, Mary Patricia; her  
7 great-nieces, Heather, Amy, and Anne Marie; and her  
8 great-great-niece, Riley; and

9 WHEREAS, Helen Rumsa is survived by her sister, Loretta  
10 Rumsa; her brother, James Rumsa; her nieces, LuAnn (George)  
11 Nelson), Julie (Larry) O'Brien, and Mary Oakes; her  
12 great-nieces and nephews, Katie, Erin (Josh), Andy (Meg),  
13 Brian, Kevin (Jillian), and DJ; and her great-great-niece,  
14 Blakely; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Helen Rumsa and extend our sincere condolences to her family,  
18 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Helen Rumsa as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.