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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 Danville, 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 graduated from Danville High School; she graduated from the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Business Administration; she took wedding vows with Wayne Haugen in Maui, Hawaii in 2005; 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; she was recognized as the heart of that organization, serving with distinction until 2020; 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

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1 local jobs were created and retained, ensuring Vermilion
2 County's viability; her tireless efforts resulted in new
3 business locations and/or extensive local expansions,
4 including Alcoa, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Thyssenkrupp
5 (formerly Krupp Gerlach), McLane Midwest, AutoZone
6 Distribution, StraPack, Freight Car Services, Sygma, Hoopston
7 Foods, REG, Watchfire Signs, Automation International, and
8 Fiberteq; she was the driving force in the development of both
9 the Eastgate and Southgate Industrial Parks; her leadership was
10 critical to the success of an 18-month retail expansion for
11 Danville in 2013 that created over 500,000 square feet of new
12 retail space and significantly repurposed existing spaces;
13 most recently, she led a successful coalition which resulted in
14 securing a long-pursued casino and a \$70 million Carle Hospital
15 investment in Danville's west downtown area; her pioneering
16 workforce development initiatives resulted in new education
17 and training programs, scholarships, apprenticeships, and
18 internships, which impacted thousands of local residents, and
19 her blue print "Best Practices" was named one of the seven best
20 in the nation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation; and

21 WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen received a number of regional and
22 national awards during her career, such as the Business &
23 Professional Women's Club Woman of the Year Award, the United
24 Way of Danville Area Women United Leadership Award, and being
25 named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary

1 International; and

2 WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen was involved in a number of
3 organizations, including the Danville Rotary, the Executive
4 Club, and the United Way as a campaign chair; she was selected
5 by then Illinois Governor Jim Edgar to serve as a member of the
6 Economic Development Board in 1993 and 1997; and

7 WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen was deeply committed to giving back
8 to the community she loved; she will forever be remembered for
9 her mentorship, positive can-do determination, compassion,
10 sound judgment, and indomitable spirit; and

11 WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen was preceded in death by her parents;
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13 WHEREAS, Vicki Haugen is survived by her husband, Wayne
14 Haugen; her stepdaughter, Diana Stewart-Jewsbury; Diana's twin
15 daughters, Claire and Nora; and Diana's husband, Eric Jewsbury;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Vicki L. Haugen and extend our sincere condolences to her
20 husband, family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and
21 be it further

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