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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Helen J. Shumway of Batavia on Monday, April 12, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Helen was born on February 19, 1926, in Hoardville, Nebraska, to Sture Wallin and Sarah Peterson Wallin; she was raised on an original family homestead and learned at a young age to drive a tractor, shoot a gun, and all the things that her brothers were doing; her family moved to Illinois during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shumway graduated from Batavia High School in 1943 and married Melvin M. Hann on February 26, 1946; he preceded her in death in 1968; on July 11, 1970, she married a high school classmate, John R. Shumway; and

WHEREAS, After marrying Mr. Shumway, Mrs. Shumway took up flying and snow skiing; in their later years, the couple spent every February in Kauai, roaming up and down dirt cane roads; as the owners of C.W. Shumway and Sons foundry in Batavia, they traveled to conventions and to reunions of Mr. Shumway's Naval Air Group 87; in recent years, she continued to enjoy family reunions and fishing tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shumway supported her children, grandchildren, her political beliefs, and her church with her actions as well as words; anything she did, she did with full force of her considerable personality, energy and talents; she became active in political work, first serving as a Republican precinct committee person, then becoming the Batavia Township Republican chairperson; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Helen J. Shumway has been deeply felt by many, especially her husband, John R. Shumway; her

1 sons, John Jr., Bruce, Paul (D'ette), and William; her  
2 daughters, Beth (Roger) Stafford, Barb (Carl) Sniffen, Mary  
3 (Cliff) Remiyac, Stephanie (Bob) Wilder, and Susan (Sam)  
4 Harrod; her grandchildren, Nicole (Adam) Marshall, Katie  
5 Remiyac, Thomas Remiyac, Neil Sniffen, Brian Sniffen, Michael  
6 Ewing, Rebecca Ewing, Matthew Shumway, Ryan Shumway, Charlie  
7 Shumway, Christine Wilder, Heather Wilder, Kevin Wilder, Ethan  
8 Harrod, and Jillian Harrod; her great-grandchildren, Chase  
9 Marshall and Riley Marshall; her sister, Janet (Richard)  
10 Johnson; and her brother, Richard (Mary Ann) Wallin; therefore,  
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
14 Helen J. Shumway, and we extend our sincere condolences to her  
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Helen J. Shumway as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.