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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 J. Young of Peoria, who passed away on January 3, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Young was born on September 27, 1956 in Peoria to Harold and Betty (nee Dutton) Young; she earned her bachelor's degree in Accounting from Bradley University in Peoria in 1978; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Young began her career at the public accounting firm of Ginoli and Company in Peoria; from 1984 to 2007, she worked at RLI Insurance Company, organizing the first tax department within the company; she was a dedicated Director on the CEFCU Board for 15 years and held positions on all standing committees, including Board Chairman; she continued her volunteer service as an honored member of the Illinois Governor's Credit Union Board of Advisors; and

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WHEREAS, Helen Young was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Illinois Certified Public Accountants Society, the Institute of Internal Auditors, and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners; she received the 1992 Prescott E. Bloom Memorial Distinguished Service Award and was listed in the Outstanding Young Women of America; and

1           WHEREAS, Helen Young was involved in charitable and  
2 not-for-profit activities for many years; she is a former board  
3 member of the Peoria Area Community Foundation, the American  
4 Red Cross, Goodwill Industries, Family House, Tri-County  
5 WomenStrength, the Peoria Area Tri-Centennial Celebration,  
6 KARNA, the Bradley University Associate Board of Trustees, and  
7 was very active with Friends of Friedrichshafen; she was past  
8 President of the Junior League of Peoria, the Bradley  
9 University National Alumni Association, and the Central  
10 Illinois Bradley Alumni Chapter; and

11           WHEREAS, Helen Young was actively involved with Bradley  
12 University as part of the alumni association, the Council of  
13 Advisors, the Chief's Club, the Centennial Steering Committee,  
14 and the Centennial Campaign; she received the 2003 Billy Stone  
15 Award for her service to Bradley University athletics and  
16 established the Helen J. Young Scholarship to assist student  
17 athletes majoring in Business; her community involvement  
18 branched out to include fund drives for Easter Seals, St. Jude,  
19 WCBU, WTVP, and the Lakeview Museum; she was a member of the  
20 First United Methodist Church in Peoria; and

21           WHEREAS, Helen Young was preceded in death by her parents;  
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1           WHEREAS, Helen Young is survived by cousins, many friends,  
2           and her First United Methodist Church family; therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
4           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5           Helen J. Young, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
6           family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
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8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9           presented to the family of Helen Young as an expression of our  
10          deepest sympathy.