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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 Betsy Ann M. (nee Meerschaut) Foxwell of Park Ridge, who passed away on January 22, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Betsy Ann Foxwell was a native of Chicago and attended Lake Forest College, where she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority; she graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; she married Warren R. Foxwell; and

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WHEREAS, Betsy Ann Foxwell taught 8th grade in Chicago Public Schools for over 37 years, including nearly 2 decades at DeWitt Clinton School on the North Side; she received the Kate Maremont Foundation Dedicated Teachers Award; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Betsy Ann Foxwell started her own educational not-for-profit program, Chicago Area Problem Solving (CAPS), providing critical thinking curriculum for elementary and high school classrooms; she also worked with the Decatur Classical School's history fair team and with the Chicago Metro History Fair; and

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WHEREAS, In 2006, Betsy Ann Foxwell helped to found the Kalo Foundation and served as President; under her leadership, the Kalo Foundation has hosted programs and special events to

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1 celebrate local art history; in 2011, the Foundation purchased
2 the Alfonso Iannelli home and studios, now a Park Ridge
3 landmark, and heritage center where the city's art legacy can
4 be shared; the project earned a Governor's Home Town Award for
5 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Betsy Ann Foxwell was a member of the Twentieth
7 Century Club and its foundation, scholarship chairman for the
8 Park Ridge Panhellenic Club, and she worked with fundraisers
9 for projects ranging from the Northwestern University
10 Settlement, Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care to the Park
11 Ridge Youth Campus, where she helped with their annual designer
12 showcase home tours; she was also part of the Maine Center
13 Auxiliary's Christmas House Tour committee for many years and
14 she was secretary for the Brickton Art Center; and

15 WHEREAS, Betsy Ann Foxwell belonged to the Park Ridge
16 Jaycee Women's Club, serving as President from 1975-1976,
17 during which time the club won "Outstanding Chapter" for the
18 State of Illinois; from 2009 to 2011, she served as member of
19 the Park Ridge City Centennial Committee, and in 2010, she was
20 named a Park Ridge Community Star by the Park Ridge Chamber of
21 Commerce; and

22 WHEREAS, Betsy Ann Foxwell is survived by her husband,
23 Warren; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Leo G. and

1 Elizabeth Foxwell; and by nieces, nephews, cousins,
2 godchildren, and many friends; 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 Betsy Ann M. Foxwell, and extend our sincere condolences to her
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Betsy Ann Foxwell as an expression
10 of our deepest sympathy.