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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Helen L. Dunn of Joliet, who passed away 4 on January 11, 2018 at the age of 104; and

WHEREAS, Helen Dunn was born in Chicago to Herman and Kathryn (Hogan) Lemke on November 7, 1913; she was raised in Oak Park and graduated from Rosary College, now Dominican University; she married Francis A. Dunn at the Log Chapel at Notre Dame in October of 1936; and

WHEREAS, Helen Dunn was a world traveler; she loved Paris in the spring and once met Pope John Paul II at the Vatican; she enjoyed spending winters in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and spent countless summers on the shores of Lake Michigan in Michigan City, Indiana, where she enjoyed fireworks with her grandchildren, drives to Three Oaks, ice cream, and reading the papers on warm afternoons; she was a born storyteller and was known for her Irish wit and the keeping of family and world news; she had an impeccable sense of style and was a voracious reader; she regularly sent all her friends and family handwritten letters; and

WHEREAS, Helen Dunn was affectionately known as "Mimi"; she was truly one of a kind and will be deeply missed by all,

- 1 especially, her loved ones, who treasure the lifetime of
- 2 stories, advice, mischief, and love she gave as the matriarch
- 3 of their family; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Helen Dunn was preceded in death by her husband,
- 5 Francis; her sister, Dolly Young; and her brother, Robert; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Helen Dunn is survived by her daughter, Geraldine
- 7 Leinenweber; and Geraldine's children and grandchildren, Jane
- 8 (Campeau), Robert, Sarah, Andrew, Shannon, John (Tara), Jack,
- 9 Simone, Cora, Thomas (Martha), Katie, Tommy, Peter, Mary,
- 10 Betsy, Annie, Stephen (Sonya) Beckett, Isabel, Justin
- 11 (Jennifer), and Harry; and Helen's son, Thomas (Bonnie); and
- 12 their children and grandchildren, Meagan (Eric), Moira, Kiely
- 13 (Geoffrey), Cecilia, and Luella; therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 16 Helen L. Dunn, and extend our sincere condolences to her
- 17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
- 18 further
- 19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 20 presented to the family of Helen Dunn as an expression of our
- 21 deepest sympathy.