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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ruth Brody of Skokie, who passed away on Friday, October 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, She was born in 1938; she grew up in the Mississippi Delta and took cosmetology classes in Memphis before moving north, living in Gary for a while and eventually settling in Lincoln Park; she met her future husband, Jack Brody in the neighborhood market and the couple raised a family in Skokie before divorcing in the mid-1980s; and

WHEREAS, She started working for Y-ME as a volunteer following her breast cancer diagnosis in 1989, and was virtually a full-time volunteer for the national offices through the 1990s, serving as chairwoman of the group's fashion show three times and its Mother's Day race twice; in 2000, she helped launch the Illinois chapter of Y-ME and was executive director of the organization's Illinois affiliate for the past four years; she participated in all aspects of the group's agenda, traveling to Washington, D.C., and Springfield to lobby for funding, organizing fundraisers, and leading advocacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Ruth Brody has been deeply felt by many, especially her spouse, Ken Suhanek; her daughters, Sue (Harry) Van Cleve and Beth Brody (Lev Goldberg); her grandson, Samuel Brody-Goldberg; and three siblings; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Ruth Brody, and we extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

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