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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 Myra Jane Rodgers Shepard of Bloomington, who passed away on February 5, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Myra Rodgers was born in Normal to Harry Hosler and Ruth Jane Smith Rodgers on October 16, 1921; she graduated from Bloomington High School in 1938; she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1942; she was an honorary member of Phi Kappa Phi and a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity; she married Trent Allen Shepard at the First M.E. Church, now Wesley United Methodist Church, on December 5, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Myra Rodgers served in the United States Navy's Women's Reserve, Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service, from 1943 until 1946; she attained the rank of Lieutenant JG WC, communications officer in the Chief of Naval Operations Office in Washington, D.C., where she encoded and decoded top secret messages; with her GI benefits, she received her private pilot's license after the war; she also worked part-time at her father's family's business, Rodgers Shoe Co., in downtown Bloomington; and

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WHEREAS, Myra Rodgers was a member of Wesley United

1 Methodist Church in Bloomington; she served on many boards,  
2 including the Wesley United Methodist Church's Board of  
3 Trustees, the YWCA Board, and the Girl Scout Advisory Board;  
4 she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution,  
5 the McLean County Historical Society, the McLean County Art  
6 Association, the Wesleyan University Alumni Association's  
7 Presidents Club, the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumni Board, and the  
8 Bloomington Country Club; she also supported the Red Cross  
9 Blood Mobile; she enjoyed swimming, walking, gardening,  
10 traveling, and spending time with her family and friends; she  
11 also played golf and tennis and bowled with the BCC ladies  
12 groups; and

13 WHEREAS, Myra Rodgers was preceded in death by her husband,  
14 Trent; and

15 WHEREAS, Myra Rodgers is survived by her children, Trent  
16 Allen Shepard Jr., Karen Jane (Jim) McNatt, Gregory Mark  
17 (Heather) Shepard, and Tracy Morgan (Susan Baller) Shepard; and  
18 her nine grandchildren; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Myra Jane Rodgers Shepard and extend our sincere condolences to  
22 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
23 further

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