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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Helen Dorothy Schroder of Naperville, who 4 passed away on September 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, She was born Helen Dorothy Grieve on her family's farm in Elmira; she was a graduate of Kewanee High School; after receiving a full scholarship, she graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado in 1939; and

WHEREAS, After college, she taught for several years at elementary schools in central Illinois; in 1942, she married her husband, Keith, with whom she had three children; while raising her children in Naperville, Mrs. Schroder volunteered for numerous charitable organizations, including Meals on Wheels, the YMCA, and PADS; and

WHEREAS, She worshipped at First Congregational Church in Naperville for more than five decades; during the 1970s and 1980s, Mrs. Schroder also served as a volunteer with Little Friends in Naperville, an organization that supports children and adults with severe learning disabilities; there she worked in the Parent-Infant Program and was given the 1983 Volunteer of the Year award, presented to her by then United States Senator Charles Percy; and

- 1 WHEREAS, She and her husband joined the Illinois Nuclear
- Weapons Freeze Campaign; the April 26, 1982 edition of Newsweek
- 3 magazine included a picture of her holding up a sign that read:
- 4 "End the Arms Race! Save the Human Race!"; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Helen Schroder is survived by her daughters, Mary
- 6 Sue Kitchen and Elizabeth Hopkins; her son, Robert; her sister,
- 7 Betty Hyer; her eight grandchildren; and her six
- 8 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
- 10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
- 11 her family and friends, the passing of Helen Schroder; and be
- 12 it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 14 presented to the family of Helen Schroder as a symbol of our
- 15 sincere sympathy.