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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 Patrick "Pat" Welch, who passed away on January 7, 2020 at the age of 71; and

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WHEREAS, Pat Welch was born on December 12, 1948 in Chicago; he attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Government; he earned a law degree at the Illinois Institute of Technology's Chicago-Kent School of Law; he was admitted to the Illinois Bar and practiced law in Peru, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Within months of earning his law degree, Pat Welch was named Democratic State Central Committeeman in 1978 and was the youngest person to hold that office at that time; and

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WHEREAS, Pat Welch was elected as a Democratic member of the Illinois Senate; he represented the 38th Senate District from 1983-2004 and was reelected six times; he served as the Assistant Majority Leader for the 93rd General Assembly and served this body with distinction; and

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WHEREAS, Pat Welch received national recognition and was awarded the "Best Bet Award" in 1988 from the National Center of Environmental Alternatives for his sponsorship of the

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1 Groundwater Protection Act; he also received numerous other
2 environmental, labor, rehabilitation, and agricultural awards;
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4 WHEREAS, Pat Welch was a member of several Committees,
5 including Appropriations II as the chairperson, Appropriations
6 I, Agriculture and Conservation, Environment and Energy,
7 Revenue, and the Subcommittee on Gaming-Revenue; he also served
8 as the co-chairperson of the Economic and Fiscal Commission;
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10 WHEREAS, Pat Welch served as the Assistant Director of
11 Revenue for six years and retired in 2011; and

12 WHEREAS, Pat Welch is preceded in death by his former wife
13 Bonnie Welch and his son Daniel Welch; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Patrick "Pat" Welch and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all those who knew and loved him; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Pat Welch as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.