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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 Marsha Wetzel of Greenview, who passed away on November 1, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Marsha Wetzel survived the homophobia she experienced in her life and married her wife, Judy Kahn; together, they raised a son, Josh; and

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WHEREAS, Marsha Wetzel, as an LGBTQIA+ advocate, fought for aging LGBTQIA+ who were facing discrimination in their homes; and

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WHEREAS, Marsha Wetzel sought assistance from Lambda Legal and became the plaintiff in establishing a precedent with the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals that declared that discrimination against LGBTQIA+ individuals is prohibited under the Fair Housing Act; and

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WHEREAS, Marsha Wetzel, through her activism, helped established safeguards for LGBTQIA+ citizens concerning housing; and

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WHEREAS, Marsha Wetzel was seen by friends, family members, and loved ones as being resilient and having an engaging sense

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1 of humor; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Marsha Wetzel and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
5 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Marsha Wetzel as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.