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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 Lori Newsham of Wheaton, who passed away on August 27, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Lori Newsham grew up in Wheaton; she was the second of 10 children and the oldest daughter of A. James and Loretta Newsham; and

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WHEREAS, Lori Newsham attended St. Michael's School, St. Francis High School, and Benedictine University in Lisle, where she studied theology and literature; she then earned her master's degree and later completed the diocese's pastoral leadership program; she was an advocate of lifelong learning, and led by example with her continuous education throughout her life; and

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WHEREAS, Lori Newsham worked as manager of the book department for the Wheaton Religious Gift and Church Supplies for nearly 30 years; she was well-known throughout the Joliet and Chicago areas for her knowledge of the Catholic publishing market, with church professionals and officials with the Christian Booksellers Association and Liturgy Training Publications in Chicago seeking her expertise on a regular basis; and

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1 WHEREAS, Lori Newsham was a devoted parishioner of St.
2 Michael's Church in Wheaton, who served on the church's
3 building and design committee and art and environment
4 subcommittee during the rebuilding of the church; she also
5 aided new parishioners to the church, helping them with the
6 Rite of Christian Initiation; and

7 WHEREAS, Lori Newsham is survived by her mother and her
8 siblings, Don (Vicky), Terrence (Victoria), Kathleen, and
9 James Newsham, Mary (Joseph) LoMastro, Ruth York, Jacquelyn
10 (James) Howard, and Margaret (Michael) Evans, and Christine
11 Feldy; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 her family and friends, the passing of Lori Newsham; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Lori Newsham as an expression of our
18 sympathy.