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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant has served the citizens of the 49th State Senate District since 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant is a lifelong resident of Will County and is the owner and operator of a family business in Joliet; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant is a proud graduate of the University of St. Francis, where she received a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a secondary teaching certificate in History and Social Sciences; she earned a doctorate in education with a Superintendent's Endorsement from Loyola University; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant was a dedicated public servant even before she was first elected to the Senate; she worked as a teacher and administrator in both public and private schools in Will County; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant has worked diligently to ensure the children of Will County were given the opportunity to be successful in their classrooms; she served as Will County Regional Superintendent of Schools and then advocated for students as the Chair of the Senate's Education Committee,

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1 where she worked to make sure educators and students had the
2 tools to succeed; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant is a steadfast advocate
4 for all people; she has fought for affordable health care,
5 increasing government transparency, and increasing access to
6 equitable educational opportunities for students of all ages;
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8 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant helped fight opioid abuse
9 by passing bipartisan legislation to require the Illinois
10 Department of Public Health to annually report to the General
11 Assembly on data collected concerning opioid overdose-related
12 deaths; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant fought to improve
14 infrastructure by committing to make the I-80 corridor from New
15 Lenox and Joliet to Shorewood and Minooka more safe through
16 construction projects; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant worked to increase public
18 safety by successfully passing a universal 911 measure, which
19 requires businesses to eliminate having to dial "9" or any
20 other number to reach an outside line; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant advocated for our

1 veterans by championing the Illinois veterans' business loan
2 program to allow the Illinois Finance Authority to offer an
3 increased number of low-interest loans to veterans to create
4 new businesses; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant has worked to ensure
6 seniors have the resources to live vibrant lives; she passed a
7 Silver Alert measure so adults who are disoriented and wander
8 due to Alzheimer's or dementia could be located; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant is a steadfast advocate
10 for ensuring students have the financial aid they need to go to
11 college as evidenced by her support of the Monetary Award
12 Program (MAP) grants; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant championed measures to
14 protect workers across Will County, including raising the
15 minimum wage, fighting to ensure equal pay for equal work, and
16 pushing for tax incentives for employers to encourage the
17 creation and expansion of apprenticeship programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant supported legislation
19 that would defer tax sales, give counties the ability to extend
20 homestead exemptions, and wave late fees to provide relief and
21 flexibility to property tax owners; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant's priority as a state
2 senator was always to ensure her office was readily available
3 to all the residents of her district by holding regular town
4 halls, senior events, an annual kids' fair, informative
5 workshops, and traveling office hours throughout the 49th
6 district; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Bertino-Tarrant exits the Senate to
8 become the first woman to hold the office of Will County
9 Executive; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator
12 Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant for her service to the people of
13 Illinois and honor her with this resolution; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Senator Bertino-Tarrant with our best wishes for
16 all her future endeavors.