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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Students, families, and seniors in the 56th Senate District are among the many fortunate beneficiaries of State Senator Rachelle Crowe's years of service in the Illinois Senate; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe demonstrated a profound interest in helping young people seize available opportunities and reach their full potential through education and hard work; and

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WHEREAS, Because Sen. Crowe wholeheartedly believes law enforcement officers deserve the utmost respect for protecting our communities, she partnered with police groups to advance laws to support them and their families; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe passed laws to fund bikeway, road, and bridge projects as well as vertical infrastructure throughout the Metro East, including a plan to renovate Lewis and Clark Community College's Main Complex to permit operations to continue safely at the 1890 facility; and

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WHEREAS, Using her experience as a violent crimes prosecutor, Sen. Crowe has been a champion for victims, crime survivors, and their families by advancing numerous laws to strengthen protections, enhance penalties, secure justice, and

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1 reduce the DNA backlog; and

2 WHEREAS, As an advocate for education, Sen. Crowe
3 supported initiatives to raise teacher salaries, address the
4 teacher shortage, and increase the tax credit for educators
5 who purchase school supplies for their classrooms; and

6 WHEREAS, When the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the daily
7 lives of her constituency, Sen. Crowe worked to connect
8 families with unemployment benefits, to offer support to
9 school districts to implement e-learning, to uplift health
10 care workers and other frontline employees; and

11 WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe helped secure millions of dollars to
12 support small business owners, employees, and operations
13 following closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

14 WHEREAS, As a friend to veterans, Sen. Crowe hosted
15 breakfast events, organized card drives, advocated for
16 automatic property tax relief, and worked to provide resources
17 to support happy, healthy lives after service; and

18 WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe led the state effort to strengthen
19 protections for seniors, to deny inheritance to abusers, and
20 to update practices through her work as chair of the Elder
21 Abuse Task Force; and

1 WHEREAS, With strong family roots in the trades, Sen.
2 Crowe voted against local right-to-work laws, toured several
3 facilities, partnered with the aviation repair industry to
4 save jobs, and advocated for use of Illinois-made products
5 such as steel; and

6 WHEREAS, Because Sen. Crowe believes education and
7 workforce training programs should be within reach for all,
8 she advanced laws to create scholarship opportunities, to
9 support adult literacy programs, and more; and

10 WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe believes that literacy is a
11 fundamental skill and that creativity aids in innovative
12 development, so she partnered with local libraries to host an
13 annual summer book club event and other art contests for
14 students throughout the district; and

15 WHEREAS, To provide resources for the Metro East
16 community, Sen. Crowe organized food, clothing, and toy
17 drives, hosted meal giveaways, provided shred equipment, and
18 coordinated blood drives in honor of local first responders;
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20 WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe is a champion for women's health and
21 supported monumental changes so that life-saving procedures

1 would be covered by state insurance companies; and

2 WHEREAS, To improve outcomes for youth, Sen. Crowe passed
3 laws to support mothers who need donated breast milk for their
4 sick infants and also worked with a constituent to require
5 insurance companies to provide heart and lung monitors for
6 children; and

7 WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe was the first woman in Illinois
8 history to lead the Senate Judiciary Committee as chair; and

9 WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe bids farewell to the Illinois Senate
10 after three years of service to the 56th Senate District and
11 the people of Illinois, during which she established a
12 reputation as a knowledgeable, pragmatic, and committed public
13 servant; and

14 WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe's public service began when she was an
15 assistant state's attorney in the Madison County State's
16 Attorney's Office; and

17 WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe's family has roots in the Illinois
18 Metro East, and they instilled in her a deep respect and
19 appreciation for teachers, education, and hard work; and

20 WHEREAS, Sen. Crowe was confirmed by the United States

1 Senate to serve as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District
2 of Illinois; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator
5 Rachelle Crowe for her dedicated service to the people of
6 Illinois and her significant contributions to the State; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Sen. Crowe as a symbol of our gratitude with our
10 best wishes for her future endeavors.