



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, For 37 years, Kathleen L. "Kay" Wojcik dedicated
3 her life to serving the people of the northwest suburbs of
4 Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, She won her first elective office in 1968 as
6 Schaumburg Township Clerk; and

7 WHEREAS, She became a State legislator in 1983, serving in
8 the Illinois House for 20 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Kay earned the respect and admiration of her
10 colleagues in the House of Representatives, rising to the
11 position of Assistant Majority Leader; and

12 WHEREAS, She advanced to the Illinois Senate in 2003,
13 serving in the chamber until 2005; and

14 WHEREAS, She is a staunch defender of her constituents and
15 always puts their interests above her own; and

16 WHEREAS, She fought hard for issues affecting health care,
17 women, children, and the elderly; and

18 WHEREAS, She crafted legislation to change the 24-hour
19 drive-through delivery policy, giving women and newborns at
20 least 48 hours in the hospital after birth; and

21 WHEREAS, She has been a champion for the disabled and
22 fought to raise awareness of special needs individuals; and

23 WHEREAS, Kay's dedication to improving the lives of
24 Illinoisans earned her dozens of legislative awards from such
25 groups as the Illinois Association of Homes for the Aging, the
26 Illinois Hospital Association, the Western DuPage Special

1 Recreation Association, the Illinois Nurses Association, and
2 the Illinois Dietetic Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Her alma mater, Harper College in Palatine, named
4 its state-of-the-art conference building the "Wojcik
5 Conference Center" out of appreciation of the senator's ability
6 to secure more than \$1.1 million for the facility's
7 construction; and

8 WHEREAS, She was a leading force in aiding the State's
9 growing winery and grape industry; and

10 WHEREAS, She is a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility
11 in government and low taxation for Illinois residents; and

12 WHEREAS, She is a renowned world globetrotter, traveling to
13 such exotic locales as Bangkok, Russia, and China; and

14 WHEREAS, Kay has a zestful love of life, enjoying good
15 food, good wine, and good times with family and friends; and

16 WHEREAS, She is respected by her colleagues from both
17 political parties for her honesty and integrity; and

18 WHEREAS, She is a loving wife, mother, and grandmother; and

19 WHEREAS, Kay will be remembered as a Senator who took her
20 responsibility as an advocate for her district seriously;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Kathleen
24 L. "Kay" Wojcik for her accomplishments as she leaves the
25 Illinois Senate, and we wish her success in her future
26 endeavors; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and
2 resolution be presented to Kathleen L. "Kay" Wojcik to honor
3 her for her years of service to the citizens of Illinois.