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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the passing of Margaret Ann Welch on January 4, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Margaret Ann Welch was born on January 16, 1938 in Christiansberg, West Virginia to Walter Evans and Elizabeth Dobbins; she was raised by her grandmother, Hattie Dobbins; and

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WHEREAS, While growing up in Christiansberg, she was baptized at Rufand Ready Baptist Church and sang in the choir; and

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WHEREAS, Following the passing of her grandmother, Margaret Ann moved to Gary, West Virginia and later to Anniston, Alabama; she attended Cobb High School where she met Leon Welch, who became her husband for 49 years; and

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WHEREAS, Leon and Margaret Welch relocated to Chicago in 1958; soon after they welcomed their daughters, Lisa Darlene and Kathryn Virginia; and

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WHEREAS, For more than 20 years, Mrs. Welch worked as a trainer at Spiegel's; and

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WHEREAS, In 1976, Mrs. Welch attended St. Ethelreda Church where she converted to Catholicism and was an active member for more than 30 years; she later worked as a secretary for St. Ethelreda parish for more than 25 years, retiring in January 2005; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Margaret Ann Welch has been deeply felt by many, especially her daughters, Lisa Welch (Dwight Austin), and Kathryn Virginia Welch; her brother, John Bradford, Jr.; her grandson, Dwight Leander Austin; her aunt,

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1 Beatrice Wars; her cousin, Laura Byrd; and a host of extended  
2 family and close friends; she was preceded in death by her  
3 husband, Leon Welch and her mother, Elizabeth Bradford;  
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Margaret Ann Welch, and we extend our deepest sympathy to her  
8 family, her friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution presented  
11 to her family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.