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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 Calista Wehrli of Naperville, who passed away on September 6, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, She was born June 25, 1925, one of 13 children born to Frank and Gertrude Wehrli; she graduated from Naperville Community High School in 1943; she joined the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1945; while stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and on Parris Island, South Carolina, she was responsible for organizing the sports programs for the men and women on base; and

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WHEREAS, Upon her return home, she managed Centennial Beach and organized the end-of-summer entertainment event called the Aquathons; she was also one of the first women to serve as a lifeguard at Centennial Beach; and

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WHEREAS, In 1946, the Advanced Flyer and Exposition Flyer trains collided in Naperville, killing 47 people and injuring many more; Calista Wehrli was immediately on the scene and worked for 8 hours rescuing people and assisting others; she later met President Harry Truman, who shook her hand and thanked her for her efforts; and

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1 WHEREAS, She attended North Central College in 1946 and
2 1947, then transferred to Iowa State Teachers College,
3 graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts degree; she began
4 teaching in 1950 and retired in 1985, after being named the
5 Ontario, California, High School teacher of the year; the
6 swimming pools at Ontario High School are dedicated to her; and

7 WHEREAS, She played baseball for the Borman Chryslerettes,
8 a farm club for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball
9 League's Rockford Peaches during the summers of 1947 and 1948;
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11 WHEREAS, Calista Wehrli is survived by her 62 nieces and
12 nephews; her brothers, Dick, Don, Andrew, and Harp; and her
13 sisters, Ann Jansen, Carol Doll, Joyce Wehrli, Jean Kuhn, and
14 Marge Walsh; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 her family and friends, the passing of Calista Wehrli; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Calista Wehrli as a symbol of our
21 sincere sympathy.