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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 Elaine S. Novak of Northbrook, who passed away on June 26, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Elaine Novak was born on September 14, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Elaine Novak served as a State of Illinois employee for over 24 years; she had worked as the Associate Director for Hospital Operations for the Division of Mental Health since 2009, and previously served as Hospital Administrator at Chicago Read Mental Health Center; she also contributed to the Rock Creek Center, the Rush-Presbyterian Saint Luke's Medical Center, the hospital and clinics at the University of Illinois, and the Illinois Psychiatric Institute; and

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WHEREAS, Elaine Novak shared her expertise, experience, and leadership with numerous organizations, including as Chairperson to Chicago State University's Department of Occupational Therapy Advisory Council, the Institutional Review Board of the Rock Creek Center, and the Administrative Special Interest Section of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association; she also served as President of the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association for 4 years; and

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1           WHEREAS, Elaine Novak helped to significantly improve the  
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4           most known for her work in protecting the civil liberties of  
5           people in State care by reducing the use of seclusion and  
6           restraints and creating coercion-free environments in State  
7           hospitals; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
9           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10          Elaine S. Novak, and extend our sincere condolences to her  
11          family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
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13          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14          presented to the family of Elaine Novak as an expression of our  
15          deepest sympathy.