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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, March has been designated as Women's History Month to honor the contributions of women to our State and to our nation; and

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WHEREAS, Women living in nursing homes are among our oldest Illinoisans of every race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status and have contributed mightily to our communities through their passion, ingenuity, and tireless determination; and

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WHEREAS, They have earned the right to be honored, cared for, and protected as women of wisdom; and

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WHEREAS, Female nursing home residents have raised their families, taught our children, and led their communities; and

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WHEREAS, In their lifetimes, these women of wisdom have broken through the glass ceiling, served in the military to preserve freedom, and fought for the rights of women and children to live free from violence; and

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WHEREAS, These women of wisdom have marched on the Chicago lakefront and the streets of Springfield as they worked tirelessly to ratify the ERA in Illinois; and

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1           WHEREAS, Many struggled to raise their children, earning  
2           only 59 cents for every dollar earned by their male  
3           counterparts; and

4           WHEREAS, Many of these women of wisdom are now over 100  
5           years old and must now look to the younger generations to care  
6           for them; and

7           WHEREAS, They are deserving of the highest caliber of care  
8           as they live out their final years; and

9           WHEREAS, It is important they are not forgotten and are  
10          included in the celebration of Women's History Month;  
11          therefore, be it

12          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
13          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that all women residing in  
14          skilled nursing facilities in Illinois should be honored for  
15          their lifelong service to their families and communities.