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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to extend their condolences to the family and friends of Phyllis Sutker, of Skokie, Illinois, who passed away on November 13, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Phyllis Sutker was born in Chicago, Illinois; she graduated from Austin High School and Wright Junior College before receiving her Bachelor's and Master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago; she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Sutker met her husband during their senior year of high school, and they were married in 1946; they moved to Skokie in 1958; and

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WHEREAS, In the 1950's Mrs. Sutker joined Na'amat, which supports women's and children's issues in Israel; she went on to become its national president between 1981 and 1985; at the time of her passing she was a member of the Na'amat USA advisory board and of its Chicago Council; she represented the group in the Labor Zionist Movement and on committees and boards of the major Jewish organizations in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Sutker was deeply involved in the Zionist movement; she was a national vice president of the American Zionist Movement and served on its Chicago region board; she also served as an elected member of the executive of the World Zionist Organization in the 1980s and 1990s and was elected as one of its honorary fellows in 1997; she was a delegate to six world Zionist Congresses; she was on the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency between 1983 and 1992; and

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WHEREAS, She was honored in 1988 by Israel Bonds of Chicago as a "Woman of Achievement"; working with these organizations and with Na'amat often sent her to Israel, where she befriended

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1 Leah Rabin, widow of assassinated Israeli Prime Minister
2 Yitzchak Rabin; another friend was former Israeli Prime
3 Minister Shimon Peres; and

4 WHEREAS, Phyllis Sutker was preceded in death by her son,
5 Edward, and her brother, David; and

6 WHEREAS, Phyllis Sutker was the beloved wife of Calvin R.
7 Sutker; the devoted mother of Sharon Sutker McGowan (Jim
8 McGowan), Shelley Sutker-Dermer (Kenneth Dermer), Edie Sue
9 Sutker (fiance, David Richmond), and Allen (Karen) Sutker; the
10 loving grandmother of Jennifer and Joshua McGowan, Elana and
11 Jake Dermer, and Danielle, Nicole, Tommy, and Teddy Sutker; the
12 beloved sister-in-law of Marsha Kline, Irwin (Carla) Sutker,
13 and Ada (Beryl) Rabinowitz; the step-sister of Lloyd (Grace)
14 Kline; and is fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews,
15 cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 her family and friends, the death of Phyllis Sutker; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Phyllis Sutker.