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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Catherine Wells of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Catherine Wells was a lifelong Chicagoan; as a
5 child, she lived in the Austin area and attended Leslie Lewis
6 Elementary School and Providence High School; she subsequently
7 graduated from Chicago Teachers College and received her
8 master's degree and her doctorate from Loyola University; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Catherine Wells
10 began working at Schmidt School as a teacher librarian; she
11 subsequently worked as a counselor at Louisa May Alcott School,
12 where she was picked to serve as an assistant principal on
13 March 24, 1971; on April 9, 1973, she was appointed to serve as
14 principal of the James D. Farnsworth Elementary School, where
15 she worked for almost 38 years; during her tenure at James D.
16 Farnsworth Elementary School, she earned a great reputation for
17 her commitment to excellence and her helpful nature; and

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WHEREAS, Catherine Wells received numerous awards during
19 her career, including the prestigious Whitman Award for
20 Excellence in Education Management; and

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WHEREAS, Catherine Wells enjoyed traveling all over the

1 world; she was a person of great faith and attended daily Mass
2 at the Queen of All Saints Basilica; she also served as a
3 Eucharistic Minister at the parish; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 her family and friends, the passing of Catherine Wells; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Catherine Wells as an expression of
10 our sympathy.