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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Illinois State Senator M. Maggie Crotty was born
3 in Chicago and graduated from Mercy High School; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Crotty served as a Development
5 Coordinator in the Cook County Region for Infinite Southwest
6 and the Southwest Cook County Cooperative for Special
7 Education; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Crotty began her career in public service
9 as a member of the District 145 school board in 1978 and served
10 as board president from 1986 until 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Crotty continued serving her community on
12 the District 228 Strategic Planning Committee and the
13 Educational Foundation, where she continues to serve; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Crotty has also worked with many local
15 organizations to improve the quality of life for the region and
16 its citizens, including membership in many Chambers of Commerce
17 and Kiwanis Clubs and as a member of the Oak Forest Civil
18 Service Commission; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Crotty began her legislative career as a
20 State Representative from 1996 to 2002, where she focused on

1 education issues, senior issues, and consumer protection; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Crotty sought and won election to the
3 Illinois State Senate in 2002; she has served since 2003 as
4 part of her mission to help children, seniors, and families;
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6 WHEREAS, During her tenure in the General Assembly, Senator
7 Crotty has fought to maintain and improve critical State
8 services, including human services and public safety, with an
9 emphasis on seniors and Illinois veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Crotty demonstrated that education was
11 the top priority of her legislative agenda by sponsoring
12 initiatives to boost the State's share of education funding and
13 to allow Illinois residents to rehabilitate their defaulted
14 student loans; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Crotty passed the "Silver Alert" system in
16 Illinois that permits law enforcement to provide alerts for
17 missing or abducted seniors and disabled persons, similar to
18 the "Amber Alert" for children; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Crotty waged a successful battle to close
20 the Suburban Cook County Regional Office of Education amid
21 allegations of corruption; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Crotty has always been a vocal proponent
2 of health and human services; she served as a lead advocate in
3 requiring insurance companies to cover treatment for children
4 with congenital or genetic disorders and increased the State's
5 understanding of children with disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Crotty has served on and led numerous
7 committees in the General Assembly, including serving as
8 Chairperson of the Elections Committee, the Vice-Chairperson
9 of the Local Government Committee, and the Co-Chairperson for
10 the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; she also served as
11 a member of the Higher Education Committee, the Labor
12 Committee, the Revenue Committee, the Joint Commission on
13 Government Reform, the Executive Committee, the Executive
14 Appointments Committee, the State Government and Veteran
15 Affairs Committee, the Environment Committee, the Health &
16 Human Services Committee, and the Licensed Activities
17 Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Crotty has been the recipient of many
19 awards for outstanding service to her community and the
20 citizens of Illinois, including the Theresa Roedl Memorial
21 Award for Volunteerism in 1988, the Outstanding Freshman
22 Legislator of the Year for the Illinois Health Care Association
23 in 1997, and numerous other Legislator of the Year Awards from

1 organizations across the State; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Crotty continues to reside in Oak Forest,
3 where she raised her 3 sons, Kevin, Keith, and Mark, who have
4 blessed her with 7 grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Maggie Crotty's retirement from the
6 Illinois Senate will be a loss of advocacy deeply felt by the
7 people of Illinois and the members of this chamber; therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator Maggie
11 Crotty for her years of service to the people of Illinois and
12 honor her with this resolution; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Senator Crotty as a symbol of our gratitude and
15 with our best wishes for her future endeavors.