

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Radio listeners throughout the Metro East region
3 are saddened that the voice of broadcast journalist Nan Wyatt
4 was tragically silenced February 18, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, She was born Nandray Ann Walicki in Fort Wayne,
6 Indiana in 1958 and attended Concordia Grade School, Bishop
7 Lehr's High School, and Indiana University; she studied
8 journalism and communication; and

9 WHEREAS, Her career as an award winning journalist took
10 her from WBBM in Chicago to WILM in Wilmington, Delaware, and
11 to KXOK, KETC and KMOX in St. Louis where colleagues said she
12 was the reason the morning show, "Total Information AM," was
13 always at the top of the charts; and

14 WHEREAS, Nan Wyatt's reputation as an outstanding
15 reporter and journalist was highlighted when the show was
16 awarded the National Associated Press Award for Enterprise
17 Reporting in 1995 while working at WBBM in Chicago; and

18 WHEREAS, Nan Wyatt first entered broadcast journalism at
19 KXOK in St. Louis and then moved to Delaware where she was
20 the managing editor of WILM-AM; and

21 WHEREAS, Nan Wyatt returned to St. Louis to work as a
22 writer/reporter for KMOX and eventually hosted "KMOX This
23 Morning" and the midday "News Magazine"; and

24 WHEREAS, She moved to WBBM in Chicago as the drive-time
25 afternoon anchor, providing live coverage of an airplane
26 crash in Pittsburgh and the State of the Union address in the
27 nation's capital; and

28 WHEREAS, Nan Wyatt's journey in life brought her back to
29 St. Louis, KMOX, the listeners who loved her and the
30 colleagues who respected her idealism, integrity, and

1 dedication to the field of journalism; and

2 WHEREAS, As the word of her tragic death was announced,
3 public officials, colleagues, and listeners were unified in
4 the praise and admiration of a career that ended too early;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Even though her colleagues were deeply saddened
7 by the news of Nan's death, the example she set inspired them
8 to carry on and get out the news of the day to the public
9 that counts on their coverage; and

10 WHEREAS, Although she was a committed professional, her
11 first love was motherhood and her young son, Drake; and

12 WHEREAS, Nan Wyatt is survived by her son, Drake; her
13 mother, Nancy; her stepfather, James Mills, Sr.; her sisters
14 Dana Mella, Barbara Mills, Jill Davids, and Kelly Burdsal;
15 and her brothers, James Mills, Jr. and David Mills; therefore
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend our deepest
19 sympathies to the family of Nan Wyatt and the extended family
20 of KMOX; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Nan Wyatt with our sincere
23 condolences.