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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Corinne Wood served as the first female  
3 Lt. Governor of Illinois from 1999 to 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Wood was known as a staunch advocate for  
5 women and children; her experience also included service as a  
6 state representative, attorney, and community activist, as  
7 well as wife and mother; and

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WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Wood served as a member of the Illinois  
9 House of Representatives from 1997 to 1999, and during her  
10 first year as a member of the Illinois Legislature, she passed  
11 more bills that were signed into law than any other freshman  
12 state representative; and

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WHEREAS, During her bid for Lt. Governor, Lt. Gov. Wood  
14 made campaign visits to all 102 counties in Illinois,  
15 discussing the ambitious agenda of the Ryan/Wood team, and on  
16 November 3rd, 1998, she was elected Lieutenant Governor of  
17 Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, During her time as Lt. Governor, Lt. Gov. Wood  
19 championed women's health and was dedicated to improving  
20 health care for women; and

1           WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Wood launched the highly regarded Check  
2 for a Cure campaign to increase contributions to the State's  
3 breast cancer research fund; her initiative was extremely  
4 effective and, in the first year, doubled the revenue donated  
5 to this fund; and

6           WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Wood served as the Chair of Women's  
7 Health Illinois, an inter-agency program that focuses on  
8 enhancing women's health education and services; she also  
9 served as Honorary Chair of the Governor's Commission on the  
10 Status of Women; and

11           WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Wood worked to triple funding for the  
12 State's Office of Women's Health, expanding health education  
13 and outreach efforts and making a program for low-cost breast  
14 and cervical exams available to more women throughout  
15 Illinois; and

16           WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Wood created and hosted a Midwest  
17 Emmy-nominated cable television show, Today's Healthy Woman,  
18 to provide important health information to Illinois women and  
19 their families; and

20           WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Wood served as the Chair of the  
21 Governor's Rural Affairs Council and the Illinois Rural Bond  
22 Bank, as well as the Chair of the Illinois Main Street Council;

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2 WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Wood courageously battled with breast  
3 cancer throughout her life, including during her time as Lt.  
4 Governor; and

5 WHEREAS, Lt. Gov. Wood's dedication to public service,  
6 despite battling breast cancer, showed how strong she was and  
7 how dedicated she was to improving Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, Above all, Lt. Gov. Wood was a wife to Paul and a  
9 mother to three children, Ashley, Brandon, and Courtney; she  
10 will be missed by her family, friends, and colleagues;  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 28, 2021  
14 as "Lt. Governor Corinne Wood Day" in the State of Illinois to  
15 commemorate her years of public service and to celebrate the  
16 life that she led; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
18 Lt. Gov. Wood's family as a symbol of our esteem and respect.