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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Natalie Wellen on the occasion of her retirement
4 as executive director of United Way South Central Illinois
5 (UWSCI); and

6 WHEREAS, As executive director of UWSCI, Natalie Wellen
7 oversaw the funding of 12 programs provided by 11 local
8 partner agencies and was responsible for communities across
9 nine counties, Washington, Marion, Jefferson, Franklin,
10 Hamilton, Wayne, White, Edwards, and Wabash; during the
11 COVID-19 pandemic, she organized several food distributions to
12 help others through difficult times; under her leadership,
13 UWSCI has assisted 11 hospitals, 14 food pantries, and 15
14 local schools and provided utility assistance to six
15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, Natalie Wellen has belonged to a number of local
17 organizations, including the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club, where she
18 previously served as president, public relations director, and
19 newsletter chair, and is a member of the Paul Harris Society;
20 she has also served as a board member of Mt. Vernon Festivals,
21 the promotions chair of Mt. Vernon Downtown Development, and
22 the legislative director of the Mt. Vernon Business Women's
23 Club; she has been a member of Giving Tuesday of Jefferson

1 County and the community resource summit, and she was a
2 founding member of the Women's Leadership Council; and

3 WHEREAS, Natalie Wellen has been recognized for her work
4 and community involvement several times, including receiving
5 the Outstanding Working Woman of Illinois Award by the
6 Illinois Federation of Business Women's Clubs, Inc. and being
7 named the 2021 Citizen of Year by the Jefferson County Chamber
8 of Commerce; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout her career and community, Natalie
10 Wellen has continually proven herself to be a strong leader
11 who remains active in civic and community service programs,
12 selflessly gives her time to volunteer, and works extremely
13 hard to make Jefferson County a better place; and

14 WHEREAS, Natalie Wellen will next assume the role of
15 executive director of Lifeboat Alliance Homeless Shelter in
16 Mt. Vernon; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
19 Natalie Wellen on her retirement from United Way South Central
20 Illinois (UWSCl), and we wish her continued success in her
21 future endeavors; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Natalie Wellen as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.