



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Wendell Jones has served with distinction as State
3 Senator since 1998; and

4 WHEREAS, He sponsored laws to protect children from sex
5 offenders, reopen the "world class" Arlington International
6 Racecourse, and support charter school reform, and he helped to
7 pass Illinois' Safe Neighborhoods Act; and

8 WHEREAS, Wendell, as a devoted educator, has been a strong
9 advocate for funding special education programs; and

10 WHEREAS, He worked to ensure that needed funds reached
11 mental health programs in his district; and

12 WHEREAS, He served admirably on the Northwest Suburban
13 Alliance on Domestic Violence and fought for funding for
14 domestic violence shelters like Women In Need Growing Stronger,
15 or WINGS, in his district; and

16 WHEREAS, He fought to protect the environment and supported
17 local homeowners in their concerns about traffic congestion,
18 flooding, and pollution surrounding the development of Wilke
19 Marsh; and

20 WHEREAS, He served for 24 years in the public schools of
21 Illinois as a special education teacher; Assistant Cook County
22 Superintendent of Schools; and Director of the DuPage/West Cook
23 Regional Special Education Association; and

24 WHEREAS, He served as Palatine Village President; a
25 Trustee; was a delegate to the Republican National Convention
26 in 1980; and a 40-year Republican Precinct Captain; and

27 WHEREAS, He is a former small business owner; and

1 WHEREAS, He has been a Palatine resident for more than 45
2 years; is married to his wife, Jane; and has helped raise three
3 children, and spoil two grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, He received a bachelors degree in Speech and
5 Hearing Therapy and a masters degree in Special Education, both
6 at Ball State University; and

7 WHEREAS, He was never at a loss for words or a good
8 one-liner when it came time to debate the States budget; and

9 WHEREAS, He admires the man who once said "The ten most
10 terrifying words in the English language are: "Hi, I'm from the
11 government, and I'm here to help."; and

12 WHEREAS, His love of Florida has "reluctantly" forced him
13 to seek the warmth of the "Sunshine State"; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Wendell
16 Jones as he leaves the Illinois Senate after eight years of
17 dedicated service and wish him well in all his future
18 endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and
20 resolution be presented to Wendell with our thanks for a job
21 well done.