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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Sheldon J. Segal; and

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WHEREAS, Sheldon Segal was a pioneer in the field of contraceptives; he was the leader of the team that developed the contraceptive implant Norplant and several other birth-control devices used by millions of women worldwide; he also helped create the Mirena intrauterine device, copper-bearing IUDs, and contraceptive vaginal rings; and

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WHEREAS, Sheldon Segal was a strong believer in a woman's right to control her reproduction; he spent years persuading the Chinese government to switch from ill-fitting steel IUDs to flexible copper-bearing IUDs, a key improvement that also reduced the demand for abortions in China; he also toured numerous contraceptive clinics in Bangladesh during the 1970s and worked with the Bangladeshi government to try to improve the quality of IUD delivery; and

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WHEREAS, Sheldon Segal served as an advisor to numerous governmental and non-governmental organizations, including the Population Council, the United States Congress, the World Health Organization, the U.N. Population Fund, the World Bank, and the European Parliament; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 his family and friends, the passing of Sheldon J. Segal; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Sheldon Segal as an expression of
7 our sympathy.