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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 Deborah Mae Kirwan, who passed away on April 22, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Deborah Kirwan was born in Oak Park; she grew up in Lincolnwood and graduated from Niles West High School in Skokie in 1974; in 1978, she earned her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; while there, she met her future husband, Jim; and

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WHEREAS, Deborah Kirwan taught for a few years at Fairview South School in Skokie before joining the faculty at Hinsdale South High School in 1982, where she taught physical education for 4 years; during that time, she also received her master's degree in guidance counseling from Concordia University in River Forest; and

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WHEREAS, After leaving the teaching field for 6 years to be a stay-at-home mom to her two daughters, Deborah Kirwan accepted a position in the guidance department at Hinsdale Central in 1992; in 2000, she became a counselor at Hinsdale South High School; in 2006, she was named the director of guidance at Hinsdale South; and

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1 WHEREAS, Deborah Kirwan received the Professional
2 Excellence Award from the Hinsdale South High School Teachers
3 Association in 2007; and

4 WHEREAS, Deborah Kirwan is survived by her beloved husband,
5 Jim Kirwan; her daughters, Tara and Jenna; her parents, William
6 and Shirley Womer; her brother, William R. Womer; and her
7 sister, Barbara Zielinski; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 her family and friends, the passing of Deborah Mae Kirwan; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Deborah Kirwan as an expression of
14 our sympathy.