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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Illinois State Senator Susan Garrett attended  
3 Lake Forest College, where she earned her bachelor's degree in  
4 political science; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Garrett began her political career in  
6 1998, when she was elected to serve as State Representative;  
7 after serving 2 terms in the House of Representatives, she was  
8 elected to serve as State Senator from the 29th Legislative  
9 District, representing the communities of Bannockburn,  
10 Deerfield, Des Plaines, Fort Sheridan, Glencoe, Glenview,  
11 Highland Park, Highwood, Knollwood, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest,  
12 Mount Prospect, Niles, Northbrook, Park Ridge, Prospect  
13 Heights, and Riverwoods; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Garrett served on and led a number of  
15 committees during her career in the General Assembly, including  
16 the House Committees on Aging, Appropriation - General  
17 Services, Elementary and Secondary Education, Urban  
18 Revitalization, Consumer Protection (Vice-Chairperson),  
19 Election and Campaign Reform (Vice-Chairperson), and  
20 Transportation and Motor Vehicles, the Senate Committees on  
21 Commerce (Vice-Chairperson), Education, Public Health,  
22 Government Reform, Revenue (Vice-Chairperson), Revenue -  
23 Subcommittee on Property Taxes, Environment (Chairperson), and

1 State Government & Veterans Affairs, and Committees of the  
2 Whole; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett was named Majority Caucus Whip for  
4 the 96th and 97th General Assemblies; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett has sponsored multiple  
6 initiatives that have provided a higher standard of living for  
7 Illinois residents, such as increasing funding for the  
8 Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan Act to allow more  
9 individuals to receive healthcare coverage for a longer period  
10 of time and fighting to guarantee that children with autism  
11 have insurance coverage for treatment and therapy; and

12 WHEREAS, A champion for those with special needs, Senator  
13 Garrett introduced legislation to help families with hearing  
14 and visually impaired children by calling for school districts  
15 to notify parents of local facilities that provide services for  
16 their children; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett introduced the State's "Do Not  
18 Flush" campaign, which prohibits healthcare facilities and  
19 their employees from discharging and disposing any unused  
20 medication in a public waterway collection system or a septic  
21 system; the initiative was presented after the Senate Public  
22 Health Committee discovered findings of the level of

1 pharmaceuticals in water; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett is a community advocate, always  
3 making it a priority to be highly reachable to all of her  
4 constituents by having regular town hall meetings to hear  
5 directly from residents regarding issues that are important to  
6 them and developing legislation around ideas that come from  
7 these meetings; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett believes that government, as a  
9 whole, should be open and available to Illinois residents,  
10 which lead her to pass major legislative measures to increase  
11 government accountability and ethics in State government, as  
12 well as providing more transparency and accountability in State  
13 government through the Illinois Transparency and  
14 Accountability Portal, which supplies an internet portal that  
15 lists information about State employees and consultants, State  
16 expenditures, all revocations and suspensions of tax  
17 certificates and professional licenses, and all current State  
18 contracts; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Garrett has received numerous awards  
20 recognizing her service to the people of Illinois, including  
21 the Abner Mikva Award, the Friends of Municipalities Award, the  
22 Family Services "Woman of the Year" Award, the Lung Health  
23 Champion Award, and the Outstanding Commitment to Health-Care

1 Award; and

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate extend our best wishes  
3 to Senator Susan Garrett as she begins this next phase of her  
4 life and wish her well as she enjoys more time with her  
5 husband, Scott, and their family; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator Susan  
8 Garrett for her years of service to the people of Illinois and  
9 her dedication as a member of the Illinois Senate and honor her  
10 with this resolution; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to Senator Susan Garrett as a symbol of our gratitude  
13 and greatest hopes for her future endeavors.