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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 former State Senator Beverly J. Fawell of Glen Ellyn, who passed away on June 22, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Beverly (nee Landon) Fawell was born in Oak Park and graduated from Oak Park High School; she earned her bachelors degree from Elmhurst College, majoring in Business Administration and Elementary Education; she did her graduate studies in Political Science at Northern Illinois University; she married Bruce Fawell; and

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WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell worked as a teacher in West Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell served the people of the 20th Illinois State Senate District from 1983 to 1999; she had previously served as State Representative of the Illinois 41st District; while in office, she was known as an advocate for education, transportation, seniors, children, and the disadvantaged; and

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WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell was a tireless supporter of education while in office and for the rights of community colleges to have a voice in how they are operated; she never

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1 stopped advocating for school districts to achieve more  
2 flexibility regarding State mandates; and

3 WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell championed social and health  
4 concerns; she strived to expand elder care options in the State  
5 and helped institute criminal background checks for health care  
6 workers; and

7 WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell was nationally recognized with the  
8 Public Policy Pioneer award by the Assisted Living Federation  
9 of America for her efforts in bringing more assisted living  
10 options to Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell served as Chairman of the Senate  
12 Transportation Committee and as a member of the Appropriations  
13 and Revenue Committees; she fought to improve Illinois roadways  
14 without increasing the gas tax; she advocated for the State to  
15 receive its fair share of the funds that it sends to the  
16 federal government for roadways; and

17 WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell sponsored a law to create a  
18 3-tiered licensing system for teen drivers so that they could  
19 have more time to learn safe driving skills; and

20 WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell always realized the importance of  
21 home and family; she sponsored legislation to assist with

1 adoption, to allow for equitable divorce proceedings, and to  
2 give fathers the same rights as mothers; and

3 WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell was always active in DuPage County  
4 politics and government; she was a Republican Committeeman in  
5 DuPage County since 1956 and a Milton Township Committeeman for  
6 Precinct 17; she was in the Glen Ellyn Republican Women's Club,  
7 the Dupage Federation of Republican Women's Club, and served as  
8 DuPage County Chairman for many national, State, and local  
9 political candidates; and

10 WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell was praised with hundreds of honors  
11 while in the Illinois General Assembly; she received the 1999  
12 Legislator of the Year Award from the Illinois Association for  
13 Marriage and Family Therapy; the 1999 Legislative Excellence  
14 Award from the American Association of Retired Persons; the  
15 1999 Merritt Grim Award from Senior Home Share; the 1998  
16 Distinguished Service Award from the Safe Harbor Children's  
17 Waiting Room; the 1998 Legislator of Year Award from the  
18 Community Behavioral Healthcare Association; the 1998  
19 Outstanding Leadership Award from the Illinois Association of  
20 Park Districts; the 1997 Certificate of Appreciation from the  
21 Illinois Rural Health Association; the 1997 Legislators  
22 Associated with Safety Award; membership to the 1997 Quarter  
23 Century Club of the Milton Township Republican Central  
24 Committee; the 1996 Outstanding Contributions to Support Legal

1 Aid Services Award from the Wage Legal Assistance Foundation;  
2 the 1996 DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Legislator of  
3 the Year Award; the 1996 Distinguished Achievement Award Award  
4 from DuPage LAN; 1996 Hamdard Community Service Award; the 1996  
5 Outstanding Senator Award from the Wage County Farm Bureau; the  
6 1995 Voice of Employers Award from the Management Association  
7 of Illinois; the 1994 Illinois Legislator of the Year Guardian  
8 of Small Business Award from the National Federation of  
9 Independent Business; the 1994 Sponsor's Award Illinois Credit  
10 Union League; the 1994 Sincere Appreciation Award from the  
11 College of Wage; and 1993 Legislator of the Year Award from the  
12 Wage Senior Citizens Council; and

13 WHEREAS, Beverly Fawell was the loving mother of Jeff  
14 (Blanche), Judy, Scott (Andrea), and the late Steve; devoted  
15 grandmother of Dan, Tim, Joe, Katie, Jon, Michael, and Nikki;  
16 and great-grandmother of Liz, Mike, Emma, and Steven;  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 former State Senator Beverly J. Fawell, and extend our sincere  
21 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
22 her; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Beverly Fawell as an expression of  
2 our deepest sympathy.