

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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2 Alice Swenson Bennett and her contributions to her
3 community.

4 *Whereas, Dr. Alice Swenson Bennett was born on August*
5 *16, 1929 in Chicago, IL, and married Carson Bennett in*
6 *1953;*

7 *Whereas, Graduating from Western Michigan College*
8 *majoring in Chemistry and Biology, she went on to obtain*
9 *her Masters in Biological Chemistry from the University of*
10 *Michigan. She earned her Ph.D. from Purdue University in*
11 *Biochemistry;*

12 *Whereas, Dr. Bennett taught for 31 years at Ball State*
13 *University in the Biology Department in the fields of*
14 *Molecular Biology, Biophysics, and Radiation Biology;*

15 *Whereas, Dr. Bennett's contributions include breast*
16 *cancer research, mentoring students, serving as Chair of the*
17 *University Senate, and faculty advocate. Over the course of*
18 *her career she received many awards, including several in*
19 *academia, First Amendment rights, voting rights, separation*
20 *of church and state, women's rights, equality and social*
21 *justice;*

22 *Whereas, Her most rewarding contributions were made*
23 *while volunteering and supporting the Ross Community*



1 *Center, American Civil Liberties Union, Planned*
2 *Parenthood, American Association of University Women,*
3 *League of Women Voters, National Organization for Women*
4 *and Tax Aide for Seniors;*

5 *Whereas, As a member of the Unitarian Universalist*
6 *Church since the 1950s, she taught Sunday school, served on*
7 *the board and on the committee that planned the current*
8 *church building. She also enjoyed playing tennis, bowling*
9 *and traveling in the USA and Europe;*

10 *Whereas, Dr. Swenson Bennett was a tireless advocate*
11 *with a big heart and sense of duty to her community;*

12 *Whereas, A trailblazer, never afraid to speak her mind*
13 *and incredibly intelligent;*

14 *Whereas, Dr. Swenson Bennett passed away at the age of*
15 *89 on January 27, 2019; and*

16 *Whereas, Dr. Swenson Bennett is survived by her sons*
17 *Lawrence and Thomas, her sister Lillian, and many*
18 *grandchildren: Therefore,*

19 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
20 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
21 *concurring:*

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
23 memorializes the life of Dr. Alice Swenson Bennett and her
24 contributions to her community.

25 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby
26 directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to Lawrence
27 Carson Bennett and Thomas Ewald Bennett.

