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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 Dr. Joseph Matthew Saban of Lakewood, who passed away on September 29, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Saban was born in South Elgin to Joseph and Dragica (Stilinovic) Saban on December 31, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Saban began his career in education, teaching science to junior high and then high school students; after several years of teaching, he transitioned to the position of Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Finance at District 155 in Crystal Lake; he later became Superintendent of Schools for the district and earned his Doctorate of Education; during his tenure, he facilitated the building of Prairie Ridge High School; after retiring from District 155, he became a Professor at Northern Illinois University, where he trained masters and doctoral students in educational leadership; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Saban had a favorite saying; he believed in "doing what's right for kids"; he lived his life that way, both for the children of his community and his family; he liked nothing better than spending time with his children and grandchildren; his favorite moments were spending time on the beach, walking along a trail in a national forest, or sitting

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1 with a grandchild nestled in his lap; he was known for his
2 quick wit and never missed an opportunity to make a moment fun;
3 his home was always filled with laughter; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe Saban was preceded in death by his parents;
5 and his siblings, Steve (Delores) Saban and Katherine Saban;
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7 WHEREAS, Joe Saban is survived by his wife Bonnie (Miller)
8 Saban; his children, Matt (Julie) Saban, Tom Saban, Julia
9 Saban, Jason (Tara) Strait, and Matt (Laura) Strait; his
10 grandchildren, Madelyn and Boedi Newsom, Genevieve and Warren
11 Strait, and Barret and Tillie Strait; his brother, John
12 (Nicole) Saban; his sisters-in-law, Colleen (Ron) Mann and
13 Tracy Miller; and twenty-two nieces and nephews; therefore, be
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15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Dr. Joseph Matthew Saban and extend our sincere condolences to
18 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Joe Saban as an expression of our
22 deepest sympathy.