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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 Rex L. Brown of Decatur, who passed away on September 10, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Rex Brown was born in Harvel to Lloyd and Helen Sanders Brown on October 3, 1930; during his youth, he helped run his family's grain farm, cattle ranch, and also Brown's Grocery; he attended Knox College and graduated from Illinois State University and University of Illinois Law School; and

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WHEREAS, Rex Brown moved his family to Decatur so he could practice law; he was the Senior Partner at Brown, Hawkins & Basola; and

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WHEREAS, Rex Brown was a member of the Decatur, Illinois State, and American Bar Associations; he was president of the Decatur Bar Association from 1996-1997; as a Bar committee member, he lobbied the County to provide the judicial robes for the Macon County Judges, a practice which continues today; in 1998, he was admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, and he received the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors Award in 2002; he was an Adjunct Professor at Richland Community College where he taught business and real estate law; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rex Brown was a prominent figure in the Republican
2 Party; he was a member of the Young Republicans, a precinct
3 committeeman for over 60 years, chairman of the Macon County
4 Republican Party, and delegate to the National Convention; he
5 served on the Macon County Board and was chairman for a year;
6 he instituted the displaying of the United States flag in the
7 courtrooms, and he commissioned and created the Macon County
8 flag and Macon County seal, which are also displayed in the
9 courtrooms; and

10 WHEREAS, Rex Brown served on, chaired, and was a trustee or
11 member of numerous committees, including Illinois Standing
12 Committee on Legal Services and Elder Law, General Assembly for
13 the Illinois State Bar Association, Macon County Regional
14 Planning Commission, Macon County Mental Health Association,
15 the Oakley Dam and Reservoir Advisory Committee, Lincoln Trails
16 Council for Boy Scouts, Elks Club, and the YMCA; he was a
17 director of the Bank of Maroa and for the Metro Decatur Chamber
18 of Commerce; and

19 WHEREAS, Rex Brown played and managed various slow-pitch
20 softball teams and traveled throughout the Midwest for
21 championship tournaments; he enjoyed tent camping with his
22 family and traveling; he was a devoted Illini fan and attended
23 nearly every football and basketball game; he was the president

1 of the Decatur Illini Club and hosted the Illini Sweet Corn
2 Roast for over 25 years; he loved gardening, and he grew his
3 own grapes and made his own wine; and

4 WHEREAS, Rex Brown was preceded in death by his parents;
5 his brother, Max; his sister, Carol Ann; and his stepmother,
6 Helen Martin Brown; and

7 WHEREAS, Rex Brown is survived by his wife of 67 years,
8 Marilyn M.; his children, Bruce (Marilyn K.), Cynthia (Bill)
9 Zimdar, Britt (Laurie), and Brad (Michelle); his ten
10 grandchildren; his seven great-grandchildren; his sister,
11 Sharon Rose Bright; and his sister-in-law, Sue Brown;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Rex L. Brown, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and those who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Rex Brown as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.