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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 State Senator George P. Shadid, who passed away on February 3, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Shadid was born in Clinton, Iowa to Edna Massad and Philip A Shadid, the first generation of proud Lebanese immigrants on May 15, 1929; he married Lorraine K. Unes on May 30, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Shadid began his career in public service when he became a Peoria Police Officer in 1953; he rose to the rank of lieutenant by 1976; he was elected to his first public office when he was elected Peoria County Sheriff in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Shadid served as the state senator from the 46th District of Illinois from 1993 to 2006; his most notable seatmate in the time that he served was then-State Senator Barack Obama; this led to a lifelong friendship between him and President Barack Obama; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Shadid was known to many in Peoria and throughout the State as a selfless public servant; he listened to his constituents and was always there to offer a helping hand; he prided himself on voting the way he thought was best

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1 for his constituency and not along party lines; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Shadid worked hard in the Illinois State  
3 Senate for the people of the 46th Senate District; he and Rep.  
4 David Leitch joined forces in 2002 to secure a \$10 million  
5 state loan to keep Bartonville's Keystone Steel and Wire from  
6 closing its doors; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Shadid was a husband, brother, father,  
8 grandfather, and uncle; he always made time for his family  
9 throughout his career and never lost sight of what was  
10 important; he always supported his family in every endeavor in  
11 their lives; he loved both his sons, Jim and George Jr., very  
12 much; he supported his son, Jim Shadid, on becoming the U.S.  
13 district judge for central Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Shadid was proceeded in death by his son,  
15 George Shadid Jr.; and his siblings, Gladys Abraham, Louise  
16 Shadid, Joan Petit, Jeannette Harris, Mitchell Shadid, and  
17 William Shadid; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Shadid is survived by his wife, Lorraine  
19 K. Unes; his son, Jim (Jane) Shadid; his daughter-in-law, Mikie  
20 Shadid; his grandchildren, James E. (Anne) Shadid, Joseph G.  
21 Shadid, Margaret L. Shadid, and Lauren E. Shadid; his sister,  
22 Pauline Unes; and his brother, Fred (Jean) Shadid; and

1           WHEREAS, Senator Shadid will be remembered for his public  
2 service, family values, friendship, and above all else, his  
3 compassion for his fellow man; therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6 State Senator George P. Shadid and extend our sincere  
7 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
8 him; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Senator Shadid as an expression of  
11 our deepest sympathy.