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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 Thomas Henry "Tom" Ritter of Lake Forest, who passed away on January 23, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Ritter was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 9, 1945; he was raised in Cleveland Heights, Ohio; he received his bachelor's degree from Northwestern University in 1967; in 1969, he received his Master of Business Administration from the Quinlan School of Business at Loyola University of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Ritter traded commodities at Mid American Commodity Exchange and then at the Chicago Board of Trade for almost 50 years; he was a professional mentor to many and taught the business of commodity trading to clerks and friends; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Ritter was a president and a longtime board member of the Lake Forest High School Booster Club; he was very proud of being the first parent to receive a Super Scout Award; he served as a deacon at Lake Forest First Presbyterian Church; he was on the Board of Directors of PADS Lake County, IL for a decade and also coached a variety of youth sports; he was sober through Alcoholics Anonymous for 37 years; and

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1           WHEREAS, Tom Ritter was preceded in death by his parents  
2 and his brother, John; and

3           WHEREAS, Tom Ritter is survived by his wife of 46 years,  
4 Mary; his children, Todd (Kate Bandler), Andrew (Katie Mahar),  
5 Colin (Jillian Sheppard), and Kate (Abby Peters); his  
6 grandchildren, Grace, Ruby, Arlo, Adeline, Nathaniel,  
7 Coraline, and Jesse, along with an eighth grandchild due in  
8 May; his twin brother, Tim; his younger brother, Jeff (Kathy);  
9 and his many nieces, nephews, and in-laws; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Thomas Henry "Tom" Ritter and extend our sincere condolences to  
13 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
14 further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Tom Ritter as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.