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1 SENATE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 2 3 learn of the death of Richard L. Matthies, who passed away on 4 August 27, 2019 at the age of 82; and 5 WHEREAS, Richard Matthies completed his Bachelor of Arts at 6 Cornell College in Iowa; he earned a master's degree at Purdue 7 University and did additional graduate work at the University 8 of Wisconsin Madison; and 9 WHEREAS, Richard Matthies met his wife, Mary Ellen, at the 10 University of Wisconsin Madison; together, they had two 11 children, Kristin and Kent; and 12 WHEREAS, Richard Matthies was a resident of Oak Park for 33 13 years before moving to Downers Grove in 2002; and WHEREAS, Richard Matthies served as a dean of Oak Park and 14 15 River Forest High School for 22 years; he was a member of the Oak Park Fire and Police Commission for 10 years and served as 16 17 a part-time coordinator of volunteers at Oak Park Hospital for 12 years; after he moved to Downers Grove, he served for six 18 years on the Downers Grove Fire and Police Commission; and 19

WHEREAS, Richard Matthies was preceded in death by his

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- 1 brother, Bob; and
- WHEREAS, Richard Matthies is survived by his wife, Mary
- 3 Ellen; his children, Kristin (Mark Angel) and Kent (Kristin
- 4 Shipler); and his sister, Buena (Steve) Copsey and their sons;
- 5 therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
- 7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 8 Richard Matthies and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 10 further
- 11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 12 presented to the family of Richard Matthies as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.