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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, State Senator J. Bradley Burzynski has represented the citizens of the State of Illinois and the families of the 35th Legislative District since 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has also represented the citizens of the State of Illinois by serving in the Illinois House of Representatives for the 76th House District from 1990 to 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski served the residents of Boone, DeKalb, LaSalle, Ogle, and Winnebago Counties by bringing to the General Assembly their concerns for fiscal responsibility, conservation of wildlife, public safety, renewable energy, agriculture, and growing business in the State; and

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WHEREAS, During Senator Burzynski's two decades of service in the Illinois General Assembly, he has served as a powerful voice for the State's education system, from primary school to higher education; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has recently served as the Republican Spokesperson on the Higher Education Committee and served on the Education Committee; and

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1 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski sponsored legislation to allow
2 students to receive their bachelor's degrees by completing
3 their education at a community college, making it possible for
4 more Illinoisans to achieve their higher education goals; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski continued to work to improve the
6 Illinois education system at all levels as a governor-appointed
7 member of the P-20 Council, where he sought to find ways to
8 provide students of all ages a robust and comprehensive
9 education; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski created the Alternative
11 Opportunities Learning Program in the Illinois School Code to
12 provide an educational program that provides at-risk students
13 an increased ability to succeed in their studies; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski worked to allow students to
15 voluntarily practice and engage in student-initiated prayer
16 and religious exercises in public schools; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski sponsored legislation to
18 modernize the State's schools by allowing school districts to
19 utilize electronic filing in reports to the Illinois State
20 Board of Education and receive funds through electronic
21 transfers; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski helped in co-sponsoring
2 legislation to give the State's public universities their own
3 governing systems, and he sponsored legislation to allow public
4 universities to keep the tuition they collected directly; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has been a constant advocate for
6 increasing public safety in schools; acting as a lead sponsor
7 on legislation to curb the practice of bullying in schools, to
8 provide greater gang resistance education, and to allow a
9 teacher's institute to include training in First Aid; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has represented Illinois while
11 serving as a Commissioner with the Midwest Higher Education
12 Compact since 1993, where he worked to help find ways to reduce
13 costs, improve student access, and discover new policies in
14 higher education; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski sponsored the Advanced Practice
16 Nursing Act, which helped underserved areas of the State to
17 receive additional medical and health care resources; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski acted as a voice for fiscal
19 responsibility by sponsoring legislation to require the
20 Governor's Office of Management and Budget to outline the
21 long-term economic and fiscal policy objectives of the State
22 and the State's financial condition and to make that

1 information available to the public; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has supported the use of
3 renewable energy in Illinois through his successful
4 sponsorship of the Promote Illinois Ethanol and Biodiesel Act
5 to increase public awareness and provide information about E-85
6 and biodiesel fuels; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has been a consistent advocate
8 of outdoor sports and conservation in Illinois and has worked
9 to expand the number of apprentice hunters in Illinois so
10 future generations can experience the richness of the State's
11 wildlife; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski served on the Illinois
13 Leadership Council on Agricultural Education where he worked to
14 expand agricultural programs at all education levels; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has served on the Joint
16 Committee on Administrative Rules since 1995, where he is the
17 longest-serving member of that bi-partisan committee; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has also served on the Insurance
19 Committee, the Local Government Committee, and the Executive
20 Committee, and in the past he has chaired the Executive
21 Committee and the Licensed Activities Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has served as the Assistant
2 Senate Republican Leader since January 2007, and he previously
3 served as the Senate Republican Caucus Chairman from 2003 to
4 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski served as the DeKalb County
6 Republican Chairman from 1993 to 1994; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski holds a Bachelor of Arts degree
8 from Illinois Wesleyan University and an Associate degree from
9 Rend Lake Community College; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski taught band and choir to
11 students from 5th to 8th grade at Pinckneyville Middle School
12 for two years; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski worked as the Farm Bureau
14 Manager of Clark and Clinton counties; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski served as the Governmental
16 Affairs Director of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau for 11 years;
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18 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has been recognized for his work
19 in the General Assembly by more than 70 statewide and local

1 organizations throughout his career of public service; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has been recognized by the
3 Illinois Chamber of Commerce for his continued commitment to
4 support the growth of businesses throughout the State and was
5 awarded the honor of "Champion of Free Enterprise" by the
6 Chamber for his distinguished voting record; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has been recognized by the
8 Illinois Civil Justice League for his dedication to reforming
9 the State's civil justice system and was awarded the honor of
10 "Friend of Fairness" by the League for his distinguished voting
11 record; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski has been named "Legislator of
13 the Year" by multiple organizations throughout the State for
14 his work in the General Assembly, including the Illinois
15 Nurses' Association, the Illinois Manufactured Homes
16 Association, the Illinois Optometry Association, the Illinois
17 Academy of Physicians Assistants, and the Illinois Public
18 Transportation Association; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski is a member of the Maywood
20 Evangelical Free Church; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Burzynski and his wife, Judy, will spend

1 time with their son, Benjamin, daughter-in-law, Abbie, and
2 their children, Ethan, Hannah and Zoe; and with his daughter,
3 Beth, son-in-law, Kristian, and their children, Kylie and
4 Bailey; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator
7 Burzynski for his dedicated service to the people of Illinois
8 and honor him with this resolution; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Senator Burzynski with our best wishes for his
11 future endeavors.