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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 Dr. Sam H. McGowen of Mascoutah, who passed away on November 21, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Sam McGowen was a native of Puxico, Missouri; he married his loving wife, Sue, on August 27, 1988, in Puxico, Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, Sam McGowen attended Southeast Missouri State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in social studies/English in 1966; he subsequently earned his master's degree at SEMO and a doctorate degree at St. Louis University; and

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WHEREAS, Sam McGowen had a long and distinguished career in education; he began his career in 1967 as a social studies teacher in Bonne Terre, Missouri, and worked his way through progressive assignments as an elementary principal and junior high principal and superintendent in Bonne Terre; he later accepted positions as superintendent in Dexter, Missouri and Paris, Illinois, before becoming the Superintendent of Schools for District 19 in Mascoutah in 1994; he served as Superintendent of District 19 until June of 2012; and

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1 WHEREAS, Sam McGowen was in active and reserve military
2 service with the Missouri Army National Guard for 27 years,
3 primarily in Army engineer battalions; at the time of his
4 retirement in 1993, he had achieved the rank of lieutenant
5 colonel; and

6 WHEREAS, Sam McGowen was preceded in death by his father,
7 Hubert McGowen; and

8 WHEREAS, Sam McGowen is survived by his wife, Sue M.
9 McGowen; his children, Bonnie McBurney, Brian (Peggy) McGowen,
10 Sarah (Roy) Phillips, and Nan (Brad) Beaird; his grandchildren,
11 Ryan and Chadd McBurney, Kristan McGowen, Arriel (Cody) Smith,
12 Parke and Ben Phillips, and Leam and Landon Beaird; his mother,
13 Wilma McGowen; and his brothers, Jim (Marsha) McGowen and Terry
14 (Trish) McGowen; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the passing of Dr. Sam H. McGowen; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Sam McGowen as an expression of our
21 sympathy.