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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, State Senator Larry Bomke has represented the
3 citizens of the 50th district with distinction in the General
4 Assembly for 18 years; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Bomke has served with honor in the
6 Illinois Senate since 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Bomke's priorities have always been those
8 of the people he represents; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Bomke was instrumental in the creation and
10 growth of the Springfield Medical District; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Bomke has supported laws protecting the
12 citizens of Illinois, including legislation that cracks down on
13 sex offenders and protects the rights of victims of sex crimes;
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WHEREAS, Senator Bomke has most recently served as
16 Republican Spokesman for the Senate Transportation Committee,
17 helping to guide public policy that impacted transportation by
18 road, rail, waterway, and air; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Bomke has worked to honor Illinois'

1 Veterans and their families through his sponsorship of
2 legislation to create license plates that recognize family
3 members killed in the line of duty; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Bomke has always recognized the need to
5 balance the best interests of the public and the conflicting
6 views of all parties, and has always been willing to reach
7 across the aisle to find common ground to enhance the lives of
8 the people of Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Bomke once appeared on the national news
10 program Hannity and Colmes; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Bomke was voted "Best Politician" by the
12 readers of the State Journal-Register from 2008 through 2011;
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14 WHEREAS, Senator Bomke was chosen "Best Legislator" in the
15 Illinois Times "Best of Springfield" awards 2004-2012; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Bomke has always made time to hear the
17 concerns and questions of any constituent who walked through
18 his door; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Bomke was once featured on the Paul Harvey
20 show for mowing an elderly constituent's lawn; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Bomke is a member of Westminster
2 Presbyterian Church; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Bomke and his wife, Sally Jo, have been
4 married for over 30 years, and are the proud parents of 2
5 children, Natalie and Wulf; and

6 WHEREAS, In his 18 years as a lawmaker, Senator Bomke has
7 represented his constituents with determination and class,
8 earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues on both
9 sides of the aisle; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Senator
12 Bomke on his retirement from the Illinois General Assembly
13 after 18 years of honorable service; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this and resolution be
15 presented to Senator Bomke with our friendship, our gratitude
16 for his hard work, and our best wishes for his future
17 endeavors.