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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Edwin Frederick "Fritz" Goebig II of Springfield, who passed away on October 8, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Fritz was born in the Detroit-area suburbs to Victor Herbert Goebig and Evelyn Berneice Swartz on Easter Sunday, April 4, 1953; he graduated from the Punahou School in Honolulu, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis; and

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WHEREAS, Fritz joined the Legislative Reference Bureau as a staff attorney in 1980 and developed an expertise in drafting pension legislation that remains unparalleled; he was appointed Deputy Director in 1991 and assumed administrative duties and mentored new drafters in the intricacies of crafting legislative documents; he retired in 2003, but returned to serve the Bureau as a Senior Counsel during legislative sessions until earlier this year, teaching the craft of legislative drafting to a new generation of drafters; and

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WHEREAS, Fritz was one of the founding members of the Government Bar Association, an organization that he served tirelessly in a myriad of roles; and

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1 WHEREAS, Fritz had a warm and generous nature and always
2 enjoyed talking with those he encountered during the day; he
3 enjoyed classical music, opera, sumo wrestling, and wine; and

4 WHEREAS, Fritz was preceded in death by his parents; Lisa
5 Machnowski Moreno, his longtime significant other and
6 companion met during law school; and other extended family; and

7 WHEREAS, Fritz is survived by his fiancée, Karen Alice
8 Kloppe; her brothers, George Kloppe (Alexander) and Thomas
9 Kloppe; Jill Aller, Gregory Machnowski, and Shelley Townsend;
10 and the remaining siblings of Lisa Moreno; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 mourn the passing of Edwin Frederick "Fritz" Goebig II, and
14 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
15 who knew and loved him; and be it further

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