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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 Michael Patrick Drea of Taylorville, who passed away on October 7, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Drea was born in Taylorville to Patrick E. and Marjorie L (Rhodes) Drea on May 13, 1957; he graduated from South Fork High School in 1975; he earned both his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Master in Business Administration from Sangamon State University; he was also a Certified Procurement Buyer; he married Kathy Nolan at St. Mary's Church in Taylorville on September 7, 1985; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Drea worked for the State of Illinois for 32 years, including 25 years in the Comptroller's Office and later for the Illinois Executive Ethics Commission at the Department of Transportation as a Procurement Officer and State Purchasing Officer; he retired in 2013; he was an active member of the Christian County Democratic Party and strongly believed in public service at the local level; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Drea was elected to the Christian County Board and served as both Vice Chairman and Chairman; while on the board, he served on the Executive Committee and the Audit and Finance Committees; throughout his 18 years of service on

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1 the Board, he was most proud of his efforts to streamline the
2 Board by reducing the number of members; he was later
3 unanimously appointed and sworn in as the Christian County
4 Treasurer on June 3, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Drea had a passion for serving his community
6 and was proud to be active in many organizations; he served as
7 Director of the Christian County Agricultural Fair Association
8 for 31 years; he also served on the CEFS Economic Opportunity
9 Corporation Board of Directors, the Langleyville Water Board,
10 and was an active member of the Midland Community Bank Board
11 and the Taylorville Community Garden; he proudly participated
12 in the American Lung Association Fight for Air Climb at the
13 Springfield Hilton for seven years; he was a member of St.
14 Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus; and

15 WHEREAS, Mike Drea enjoyed coaching his sons' sports teams
16 and did so for the St. Mary School Basketball program and the
17 Red Bland Little League and Pony League, as well as a traveling
18 team; he participated in Tae Kwon Do with his sons for several
19 years and earned his First Degree Black Belt; he was an avid
20 raquetball player and fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the
21 Fighting Illini; and

22 WHEREAS, Mike Drea enjoyed traveling with his family,
23 especially to Ireland, Jamaica, and many national parks; he

1 loved his dog, Macy; above all, he was a loving husband and
2 incredibly proud of his sons; and

3 WHEREAS, Mike Drea was preceded in death by his father; and
4 his father-in-law, Donald Nolan; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Drea is survived by his wife, Kathy; his
6 sons, Nolan and Ryan; his mother, Marjorie; his brother, John
7 (Brenda) Drea; his niece, Kelsey (Robert) Hostert; his nephew,
8 Thomas Drea; and his mother-in-law, Mary Nolan; therefore, be
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10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Michael Patrick Drea, and extend our sincere condolences to his
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

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