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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 David B. "Dave" Lawrence of Savoy, who passed away on January 1, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Lawrence was born in Manhattan, Kansas to Donald S. and Anna Louise (Shellenbaum) Lawrence on July 17, 1937; his family moved to Topeka, Kansas, where he attended Central Park Grade School, Crane Junior High, and Topeka High School; he later attended Kansas State University; he married Rhea A. Lake in Lawrence, Kansas on October 19, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, In 1968, Dave Lawrence settled into the Champaign-Urbana community as the founding Executive Director of The Boys Club of C-U, later named The Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club of Champaign County; in the ten years to follow, he joined the Champaign Rotary Club, became a member and President of the Right to Read Council of Champaign County, a board member of Reading is Fundamental, a member of the Unit 4 Alternative Education planning group, and was the Fourth of July Celebration Parade Chair; he was also the only private sector agency representative appointed to the State of Illinois Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board; he was the recipient of the Champaign-Urbana Jaycees Outstanding Young Man Award; during this time, he was also an active member of St. Matthew

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1 Catholic Church; and

2 WHEREAS, For the next ten years, Dave Lawrence worked as
3 the Executive Director for the United Way of Champaign County;
4 he was an Advisory Board member for the University of Illinois
5 Volunteer Illini Projects, and Chair of the Champaign County
6 Funders Council; he served as President of the Champaign Rotary
7 Club, became a board member of the Champaign County Crime
8 Stoppers, and later served on the Crime Stoppers State Board;
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10 WHEREAS, Dave Lawrence then returned to the Don Moyer Boys
11 & Girls Club, where he served as a board member and as
12 president for one term; he was president of the Illinois Area
13 Council of Boys & girls Clubs and was the recipient of the Don
14 Moyer Boys & Girls Club Silver Medallion; and

15 WHEREAS, Dave Lawrence was a board member and served as
16 president of the Champaign County CASA; he was also a member
17 and President of the Champaign County Salvation Army Board of
18 Directors; he served two terms as a trustee for Savoy and was
19 currently the chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for that
20 community; he was named "Savoy Citizen of the Year" by the
21 Savoy Rotary Club; and

22 WHEREAS, Dave Lawrence served two terms as the Mid-State

1 Representative appointed to the State of Illinois Commission on
2 Volunteerism and Community Service, Executive Director of the
3 Champaign County Farm Bureau Foundation, and board member and
4 Vice President of St. Joseph Sportsman's Club; he received the
5 Award of Appreciation from the Illinois State Crime Stoppers
6 Association for exceptional service to the Illinois State Crime
7 Stoppers and the local Crime Stoppers Programs of Illinois for
8 his dedicated efforts with House Bill 0598; he received a
9 Special Commendation from Serve Illinois Commission on
10 Volunteerism and Community Service for his years of dedicated
11 leadership and service; and

12 WHEREAS, Dave Lawrence was a Champaign County Rotary Paul
13 Harris Fellow, an Art Skelton Fellow, and received the Avenues
14 of Service Award from Rotary International; and

15 WHEREAS, Dave Lawrence spent two years as the National
16 Executive Director of the LeaderShape Institute and then
17 joined the team of WCIA-TV, where he remained until his
18 retirement; after retirement, he worked at WILL-TV and obtained
19 sponsorships; and

20 WHEREAS, Dave Lawrence supported and rooted for the Illini
21 and created, produced, and hosted a radio show on WDWS, "The
22 Other Illini"; he was also currently serving on the Illini
23 Networkers Board for women's volleyball; and

1 WHEREAS, Dave Lawrence was an avid fan of the St. Louis
2 Cardinals and the Chicago Blackhawks; he enjoyed golfing,
3 fishing, and pheasant and quail hunting; and

4 WHEREAS, Dave Lawrence was preceded in death by his older
5 brother, Gary (Peggy); and his younger sister, Patricia; and

6 WHEREAS, Dave Lawrence is survived by his wife, Rhea; his
7 children, David O. Lawrence, Cherise (David) Lewis, Susan
8 (Charles) Penny, and Dena Lawrence; and his grandchildren,
9 Theresa Lawrence, Reid (Etienne) Penny, and Blake (Jeicel)
10 Penny; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 David B. "Dave" Lawrence and extend our sincere condolences to
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

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