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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Richard Nordlof, who passed away on
4 January 31, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Nordlof was born in 1933 and raised in
6 Rockford; he graduated from Rockford East High School in 1951;
7 he graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
8 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1955;
9 he married Joanne "Jody" Stafford in October 1955; the couple
10 them moved to Rockford; and

11 WHEREAS, In Rockford, Richard Nordlof worked for George D.
12 Roper Corp and then Mechanical Tool and Engineering Co.; he
13 later founded Rapid-Air-Corp., MTE Hydraulics, and Delta Power
14 Hydraulic Co.; he earned several patents for his inventions;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Richard Nordlof was a performing member and
17 President of the Board of the Mendelssohn Club, and a member of
18 the Board of the Rockford Arts Council; and

19 WHEREAS, Richard Nordlof donated the money to buy and
20 renovate the former New American Theater in downtown Rockford;
21 in 2012, he donated the building to the Rockford Public Library

1 with the stipulation that the building not be sold or converted
2 for other uses; the building was later named for him; and

3 WHEREAS, Richard Nordlof was presented the Register Star's
4 Excalibur Award in recognition of his community service in
5 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Nordlof was a businessman and
7 philanthropist who served on numerous boards; he was best known
8 for his affinity for his hometown and his appreciation of the
9 arts; he was a champion for countless community causes and
10 leaves an astonishing legacy of accomplishments; and

11 WHEREAS, Richard Nordlof was preceded in death by his
12 parents; and his wife, Jody; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard Nordlof is survived by his children,
14 Gregory (Finny) Nordlof, Bradley (Duawn) Nordlof, Diane (Larry
15 Perez) Nordlof, and Donna (Brian) Nordlof-Hampton; his
16 grandchildren, Eric (Shannon Chilton) Nordlof, Sarah (Scott)
17 Affeldt, Paley Nordlof, and Paige Nordlof; his brother, Ronald
18 (Judy) Nordlof; his sister-in-law, Priscilla Stafford; and his
19 special friend, LoRayne Logan; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Richard Nordlof and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Richard Nordlof as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.