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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 James Perry "Jim" Hecht of Woodstock, who passed away on February 12, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Hecht was born in Woodstock on January 7, 1935; he graduated from Woodstock High School in 1953; he then graduated Cum Laude from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota with Phi Beta Kappa distinction in 1957; an undergraduate internship at the United Nations paved the way for his lifelong adherence to civic duty and interest; in June 1960, he earned his LL.B. from Yale Law School and was admitted to the Illinois Bar; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Hecht practiced law at his own firm on the historic Woodstock Square for 53 years; as an attorney, he received the preeminent AV rating from his peers for the highest level of legal knowledge, ethical standards, and professional excellence; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Hecht was involved in many community projects, including the Woodstock Opera House, the Bull Valley Association and Garden Clubs, the Illinois Migrant Council, Head Start of Woodstock, the McHenry County Conservation District and Audubon Society, the Woodstock Community Unit

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1 School District 200, McHenry County College, and the Unitarian
2 Universalist Church of McHenry County; and

3 WHEREAS, Jim Hecht was an avid jazz musician and
4 aficionado, a fly fisherman, a traveler, an art and book
5 collector, and an intellectual; upon retirement, he spend time
6 with family and friends, fishing in his backyard pond, reading
7 literature, listening to jazz standards and classical music,
8 and soaking in the Midwest landscape and artistry; and

9 WHEREAS, Jim Hecht is survived by his six children and
10 their families; his eight grandchildren; his brother and
11 sister-in-law; his life partner and her family; his many
12 nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his many lifelong friends;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 James Perry "Jim" Hecht and extend our sincere condolences to
17 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Jim Hecht as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.