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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 Peter H. Huizenga of Oak Brook, who passed away on May 2, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Huizenga was born in a Dutch community outside of Chicago to a family of garbage haulers in 1939; he learned the value of hard work and the power of friendship, faith, and determination early on, as he worked on a garbage truck from 2 a.m. until noon every day each summer; he graduated from Hope College and then served as a Captain in the United States Army Reserve; he then attended law school at the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Huizenga practiced law at the firm of Hlustik, Huizenga, Williams and VanderWoude; in 1968, he joined his family's garbage business, which became Waste Management Inc., a Fortune 500 company; he held various roles at Waste Management, including Director for 30 years and various office roles; he helped take the company public in 1972, and Waste Management was the largest waste disposal company in the world; after helping build Waste Management, he managed finances for his family as well as other clients as Chairman of Huizenga Capitol Management, an investment advisory firm; he was an early investor in many businesses, including Blockbuster

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2 WHEREAS, Peter Huizenga was a philanthropist and actively
3 supported many organizations, including the Big Shoulders
4 Fund, Timothy Christian Schools, Christ Church of Oak Brook,
5 Trinity Christian College, Elim Christian Services, Hope
6 College, the Boy Scouts of America, and many other
7 organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, Peter Huizenga made a difference in people's lives
9 through philanthropy and business pursuits; relationships and
10 helping others were at the core of who he was as a person and as
11 a businessman; these values were a source of pride for him and
12 his family, whom he loved dearly; and

13 WHEREAS, Peter Huizenga was the loving husband of 50 years
14 of Heidi; the father of Betsy (Dave) Bradley, Greta Huizenga,
15 Peter Jr. (Abby) Huizenga, and Tim Huizenga; the grandfather of
16 Elizabeth, Matthew, William, and Michael Bradley, Soleil and
17 Noah Huizenga Giesen, and Hally, Hope, Peter III "Tripp" and
18 Hannah Huizenga; and the brother of Sue Kanis, Virginia
19 "Ginger" Jurries, John Charles "J.C." Huizenga, and the late
20 Elizabeth "B.J." Buntrock; therefore, be it

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

1 Peter H. Huizenga 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 Peter H. Huizenga as an expression
6 of our deepest sympathy.