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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 William B. "Bill" Johnson of Joliet, who passed away on May 1, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Johnson was born in St. Charles to Lois and Carl Johnson on February 4, 1945; he graduated from Kaneland High School in 1963; he earned his bachelor of science degree at the University of Illinois in 1967 and his master of science degree in 1968; he was also a Bronze Tablet recipient at the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Johnson recently celebrated his 50th year as an Agriculture Instructor at Joliet Junior College; he began his career at Joliet Junior College on September 1, 1968 and was hired by Elmer Rowley, the college's first president; he was a fierce advocate for agricultural education, and his loyalty and dedication to the agriculture program at Joliet Junior College, and the agriculture community, was unmatched; he was incredibly forward thinking about how to draw young people into Agriculture education; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Johnson was a leader, not only in the classroom, but also in the community; he served on the Joliet Junior College Foundation Board since 2010; he touched many

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1 lives throughout his career, often spanning three generations
2 of a single family; and

3 WHEREAS, Bill Johnson was preceded in death by his father;
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5 WHEREAS, Bill Johnson is survived by his mother; his
6 brother, David C. (Linda) Johnson; his niece, Kimberly A.
7 (Chad) Walter; his nephew, Dr. Michael D. (Barbara) Johnson;
8 his great-nieces, Meredith and Caroline Johnson; and his
9 great-nephew, Leo Johnson; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 William B. "Bill" Johnson and extend our sincere condolences to
13 his 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 Bill Johnson as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.