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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 Michael W. "Mike" Beaty of Groveland, who passed away on May 16, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Beaty was born to Keith and Adelaide "Peaches" (Fisk) Beaty on March 25, 1947; he was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church; he graduated from Lewistown Community High School and Western Illinois University; he married Katherine Workman in 1970; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Beaty worked for nearly 20 years as a successful agent for Fidelity Union Life Insurance Company and then Country Companies; he later worked as executive director of the Macomb Area Industrial Development Corporation (MAIDCO) and was especially proud of his efforts to help secure the expansion of NTN Bower and attracting the St. Louis Rams summer training camp to Macomb; he also worked as Downstate District Field Liaison and Assistant to the Chief of Staff for the Illinois Secretary of State, Division Administrator for Natural Resources Division of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and in the Department of Natural Resources before his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Beaty was an active member of the Macomb

1 Rotary, Macomb Ducks Unlimited, and the Macomb Country Club;
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3 WHEREAS, Mike Beaty enjoyed reading, traveling, and
4 nature; he was an avid hunter of waterfowl and pheasant and for
5 many years was a licensed goose guide at the Marlin Hunting
6 Club in Southern Illinois; he co-founded the Macomb Chapter of
7 Ducks Unlimited; he appreciated all sports, but was especially
8 passionate about baseball and played the position of catcher
9 through college; later, he played in the Peoria Sunday Morning
10 League; he was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed watching
11 the Cubs win the 2016 World Series; he also enjoyed wintering
12 in Florida, where he attended as many spring training games as
13 possible; and

14 WHEREAS, Mike Beaty took great pride in his children and
15 grandchildren and was exceptionally proud of how they treated
16 others; and

17 WHEREAS, Mike Beaty was preceded in death by his parents
18 and his brother, Thomas Patrick "Pat" Beaty; and

19 WHEREAS, Mike Beaty is survived by his wife, Katherine; his
20 daughter, Andrea (Brian) Miller; his son, Christopher (Raleigh
21 Blasdell) Beaty; his grandchildren, Anika, Claire, and Connor
22 Miller; his sisters-in-law, Jane Beaty and Mary Dufelmeier (Ken

1 Petersen); three nieces; and one nephew; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Michael W. Beaty, and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Mike Beaty as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.