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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 former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, who passed away on August 18, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Kofi Atta Annan was born in Ghana on April 8, 1938; he received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1961 from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota and began working for the U.N. World Health Organization in Geneva; he received a master's degree in management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1972; and

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WHEREAS, At the start of the Persian Gulf War in 1990, Kofi Annan helped persuade the Iraqis to release 900 U.N. employees and dependents held as hostages; he also organized an airlift of hundreds of thousands of Asian workers back to their original homes; he became Deputy Chief of Peacekeeping for the U.N. in 1992, and Chief of Peacekeeping the following year; and

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WHEREAS, Kofi Annan led the United Nations as Secretary General from 1997 to 2006; he was the seventh secretary general in the history of the U.N. and the first black African to hold the position; and

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WHEREAS, Kofi Annan was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in

1 2001, which he shared with the U.N.; and

2 WHEREAS, After retiring from the U.N., Kofi Annan took on
3 the role of a wise and noble elder trying to mediate a host of
4 conflicts in Africa; and

5 WHEREAS, Kofi Annan was a guiding force for good; he
6 provided people everywhere with a space for dialogue, a place
7 for problem-solving, and a path to a better world; and

8 WHEREAS, Kofi Annan is survived by his wife, Nane
9 Lagergren; two children; and a stepdaughter; 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 former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, and extend our
13 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
14 and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Kofi Annan as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.