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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 Jeffrey N. "Jeff" Long of Naperville, who passed away on May 29, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Jeff Long was born in Lakewood, Ohio on May 5, 1964; he grew up in Naperville and Batavia and graduated from Batavia High School; he then attended Eastern Illinois University, where he worked at a radio station and for the school newspaper; and

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WHEREAS, Jeff Long was a sports writer for the Aurora Beacon-News for 23 years; he covered local college and professional sporting events, including the championship runs of the Chicago Bulls; in May 2005, he joined the Fox Valley Park District as the public affairs and communications manager; he wrote columns for the park district that appeared in local newspapers and was instrumental in revitalizing the Mid-American Canoe & Kayak Race; and

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WHEREAS, Jeff Long was an active outdoorsman and enjoyed kayaking, biking, fishing, hiking, and canoeing; he enjoyed life and once spent ten days cycling to a family reunion in Canada; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jeff Long was preceded in death by his father,
2 Gregory Long; and

3 WHEREAS, Jeff Long is survived by his wife of 24 years,
4 Jenean (Mickey) Long; his children, Autumn Long and Trevor
5 Long; his brothers, Brad (Laurie) Long, Steve (Jenny) Long,
6 Adam (Katie) Long, and Devin Long; his mother, Cynthia Bratta;
7 his stepmother, Linda Long; and his many nieces and nephews;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Jeffrey N. "Jeff" Long and extend our sincere condolences to
12 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Jeff Long as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.