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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 Bernard "Bernie" Forrest of Deerfield, who passed away on August 21, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie Forrest was born and raised on the north side of Chicago; he was active in Boy Scouts, achieving the level of Eagle Scout; he graduated from University of Illinois with a degree in chemistry and served in the U.S. Army for two years; he married Joan in California in 1953, and they settled in Deerfield in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie Forrest had a distinguished career in the food industry; he led several companies, beginning with Golden Crown Juice and ending as president of The Long Company and owner of the Holsum Bread Company; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie Forrest spent 36 years on the Deerfield Village Board, serving as mayor from 1969 to 2001; he was known for his strong, visionary leadership and for his innovative approaches to village finances; when he left office, Deerfield renamed its headquarters the Bernard Forrest Deerfield Village Hall; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie Forrest volunteered with the Jaycees,

1 where he served as president and founded the Deerfield Family
2 Days and the 4th of July celebration, now in its 55th year; and

3 WHEREAS, Bernie Forrest was most proud of his family, who
4 all knew him affectionately as "Gramps"; and

5 WHEREAS, Bernie Forrest participated in an Honor Flight to
6 Washington, D.C.; and

7 WHEREAS, Bernie Forrest is survived by his wife of 65
8 years, Joan; his sons, Kevin (Laura), Sean (Peggy), and Keith
9 (Niki); and his grandchildren, Colleen, Kathleen, Brian, Tara,
10 Shannon, Patrick, Connor, Jesse, Emily, Lauren, and Julia;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Bernard "Bernie" Forrest, and extend our sincere condolences to
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Bernie Forrest as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.