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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 Edward Joseph "Ed" Klein of Peoria, who passed away on February 2, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Klein was born in Peoria to Erwin and Louise Klein on January 5, 1923; he graduated from the Spalding Institute in Peoria; he attended Bradley University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in English in 1948; he married Dolores Gibson on May 23, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Klein spent most of his career working as an advertising copywriter at the Hall, Haerr, Peterson & Harney Inc. Agency in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Klein was a tireless worker for the cause of civil rights and was instrumental in founding the Truth Corps, which later became the Peoria Chapter of the NAACP; he also proudly supported feminism and served as the interim president of Peoria's NOW Chapter; he wrote many letters to the editors of local newsletters and newspapers whenever he felt a voice needed to be heard; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Klein enjoyed traveling the back roads of the Midwest with his wife and discovering out-of-the-way parks,

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1 waterways, and small town cafes; he made it a point to keep up
2 with new products and emerging technology and was always eager
3 to try new gadgets or products; he was a handyman who was not
4 afraid to take on household projects, even if they were beyond
5 his skill set; he was an avid reader with a sense of humor, a
6 clever wit, and an insatiable desire to learn; he will be
7 remembered as a gentleman with a sweet spirit; and

8 WHEREAS, Ed Klein was preceded in death by his parents; his
9 wife, Dolores Klein; his son, Christopher Klein; his grandson,
10 William Klein; and his brothers, Dick Klein and Jerry Klein;
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12 WHEREAS, Ed Klein is survived by his daughters, Christina
13 (Pat) Puntoni and Paula Klein; his sons, Tim (Debbie) Klein,
14 Evan Klein, and Marty (Barbara) Klein; his sister, Sue Klein;
15 his ten grandchildren; and his ten great-grandchildren;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Edward Joseph "Ed" Klein and extend our sincere condolences to
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Ed Klein as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.