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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 Keith Randall Erickson of Urbana, who passed away on April 26, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Keith Erickson was born in Chicago to Robert and Emilie (Sasko) Erickson on November 14, 1948; he graduated from Maine South High School in Park Ridge and attended Bradley University; he received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois and married Virginia Peverly in Clinton on July 26, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Keith Erickson was employed by the University of Illinois's Facilities and Services division for 40 years, most recently as the associate director of Utilities & Energy Services Distribution; he was an integral part of the construction of the university's solar farm; he was also employed part time as an electrical expert by Ruhl Forensic, Inc.; he was elected vice president of small utilities to the J.U.L.I.E. Board of Directors and was appointed the energy sector chief with InfraGard, a civilian FBI partner organization; he successfully completed the FBI Citizens Academy program; and

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WHEREAS, Keith Erickson was a member of the Illinois and

1 the National Society of Professional Engineers, the
2 International Association of Arson Investigators, the National
3 Safety Council, and the International Association of
4 Electrical Inspectors; and

5 WHEREAS, Keith Erickson was the recipient of numerous
6 awards during his professional career, including the Cecil
7 Coleman Award for public safety, the Chancellor's Academic
8 Professional Excellence Award, and the ISPE Professional
9 Engineering Management Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Keith Erickson was an advocate of personal
11 integrity and public safety; he served on the City of Urbana
12 Building Safety Code Board of Appeals, the City of Urbana
13 Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals, and the Champaign
14 County Local Emergency Planning Committee; he was also a
15 Republican precinct committeeman in Champaign County and a
16 charter member of Copper Creek Church in Champaign; and

17 WHEREAS, Keith Erickson supported his children in their
18 activities by coaching soccer, attending games, and timing swim
19 meets; he was always eager to share his engineering and
20 electrical knowledge with young students, Scouts, and
21 university students; he was a judge for many years at the
22 Engineering Open House; his favorite activities were spending
23 time with his family, cheering on the Illini football and

1 basketball teams, patrolling campus on foot with his cocker
2 spaniel Coco, and vacationing in Door County, Wisconsin; and

3 WHEREAS, Keith Erickson was preceded in death by his
4 parents and his sister, Karen Potts; and

5 WHEREAS, Keith Erickson is survived by his wife, Virginia;
6 his children, Cynthia (Bob) Heren and Kevin (Kari) Erickson;
7 and his grandchildren, Lydia, Caleb, and Andrew; therefore, be
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9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Keith Randall Erickson 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 Keith Erickson as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.