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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 Walter Leonard Arnstein Ph.D. of Urbana, who passed away on October 6, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Arnstein was born in Stuttgart, Germany on May 14, 1930; his family emigrated to the United States in 1939, and they became American citizens in 1944, at which time he chose his middle name of Leonard in honor of composer Leonard Bernstein; he received his Bachelor of Specialized Studies at the City College of New York in 1951, magna cum laude; he served in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1951 to 1953 as an assistant battalion supply sergeant in an anti-aircraft battalion; he married Charlotte Sutphen in 1952; he received his Master of Arts from Columbia University in 1954 and spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of London; he earned his Ph.D. in History at Northwestern University in 1961; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Arnstein was a member of the Department of History at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 1968 to 1998; he retired with the titles of Professor of History Emeritus and Jubilee Professor of the Liberal Arts and Sciences Emeritus; he won numerous awards for his teaching, and he served as department chair and Director of Graduate Studies;

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1 he supervised 25 successfully defended Ph.D. dissertations in
2 British history and taught British history at every level from
3 the introductory survey to the doctoral seminar; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Arnstein also taught at Northwestern
5 University, the University of Chicago, and Roosevelt
6 University, where he rose to be dean of the Graduate Division;
7 he held visiting appointments as Fellow at both Cambridge
8 University and the University of Edinburgh; he was also a
9 Fellow of the Royal Historical Society; he served on the
10 editorial boards of *The Historian*, *Albion*, and *Victorian
11 Studies*; in 1990, the Midwest Victorian Studies Association
12 established an annual graduate student prize in his honor, the
13 Annual Walter L. Arnstein Prize for Dissertation Research in
14 Victorian Studies; he was one of the first presidents of the
15 North American Conference on British Studies; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Arnstein was known to decades of University of
17 Illinois history students as a founder and frequent host of the
18 British History Association (BHA); in retirement, he and his
19 wife continued to host numerous reunions of BHA alumni from all
20 over the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Arnstein was the author of eight books,
22 including *Britain Yesterday and Today: 1830 to the Present*, *The
23 Bradlaugh Case* (1965), *Protestant Versus Catholic* in

1 Mid-Victorian England (1982), and Queen Victoria (2003); he was
2 the author of over 45 journal articles and 170 book reviews; in
3 1973, he competed successfully for five days on Jeopardy!; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Arnstein is survived by his wife of 67 years,
5 Charlotte; his daughter, Sylvia; his son, Peter (Judy Dworkin);
6 his sister, Laura Altschuler; his grandchildren, Katharine and
7 Julianne (Ryan Galligan); and numerous nieces, nephews, and
8 cousins; therefore, be it

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 Walter Leonard Arnstein Ph.D. and extend our sincere
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
13 him; and be it further

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