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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 Kenneth Eldon Andersen Ph.D. of Champaign, who passed away on January 26, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Kenneth Andersen was born in Iowa to Mads Ingvard (Edward) Andersen and Anna Christiansen Andersen; he was the youngest of five children; he graduated from Harlan High School in Harlan, Iowa in 1951; he earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree from Iowa State Teachers College, now the University of Northern Iowa; he served two years in the U.S. Army as an education specialist and part-time instructor for New Mexico State University on the White Sands Proving Ground; he earned his Ph.D. in communication from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1961; and

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WHEREAS, Kenneth Andersen briefly served as a visiting professor at the University of Illinois-Chicago and the University of Southern California; he then taught at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor; he relocated to the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1970; he retired as professor emeritus of communication from the University of Illinois in 1995; he authored books on persuasion and introductory communication and co-authored a book of original essays and selected journal articles; and

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1           WHEREAS, During his career, Kenneth Andersen served in a  
2 number of roles outside the classroom; he was a debate coach at  
3 Iowa State Teachers College, the University of Wisconsin, and  
4 the University of Michigan; at the University of Illinois, he  
5 served as associate dean for the College of Liberal Arts &  
6 Sciences, interim head of Speech Communication, interim head of  
7 Speech and Hearing Science, and deputy vice chancellor of  
8 Academic Affairs; he also served numerous roles in the  
9 University Senate, including three years as chair, three terms  
10 as a member of the University Senates' Conference, and as  
11 Senate parliamentarian for numerous chancellors; and

12           WHEREAS, Kenneth Andersen was active in a number of  
13 organizations and associations, such as the American  
14 Association of University Professors (AAUP) as a local chapter  
15 member and president, state conference president, treasurer,  
16 and newsletter editor and editorial writer; he was a chapter  
17 and often conference delegate to more than 30 national AAUP  
18 conventions, chairing three national committees and serving a  
19 term on the national conference; he served and held leadership  
20 roles in the National Communication Association, the Central  
21 States Communication Association, and the National Association  
22 of Communication Administrators; and

23           WHEREAS, Kenneth Andersen believed his greatest enduring

1 contribution to the field of communication was when he served  
2 as the conference planner and keynote speaker at the National  
3 Communication Association's 1999 summer conference where he  
4 was instrumental in the formulation of the Credo for Ethical  
5 Communication, which was later adopted by the association; and

6 WHEREAS, Kenneth Andersen received a number of awards and  
7 accolades during his career, including the Association of State  
8 Conferences' Tracey Award and National Communication  
9 Association's Distinguished Service Award for his efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, Kenneth Andersen developed an interest in  
11 classical music and theater from a young age; he enjoyed live  
12 musical theater and Broadway musicals; he supported and  
13 sponsored the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts as a  
14 member of the Colwell Society, then the Foellinger Society; he  
15 was a season subscriber to the Lyric Opera of Chicago for over  
16 20 years and to the San Francisco Opera for over a decade; and

17 WHEREAS, Kenneth Andersen was preceded in death by his  
18 three sisters and one brother; and

19 WHEREAS, Kenneth Andersen is survived by his wife, Mary;  
20 his son, Erik (Susan); and his grandchildren, Nickolas, Megan,  
21 and Alyssa; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 Kenneth Eldon Andersen Ph.D. and extend our sincere condolences  
4 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
5 it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Kenneth Andersen as an expression of  
8 our deepest sympathy.