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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 Curtis J. Hieggelke, who passed on January 1, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Curtis Hieggelke was born to Harry and Glenna Hieggelke in Fargo, North Dakota on September 6, 1941; he graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and went on to earn a PhD in physics at the University of Nebraska, where he developed a lifelong passion for Cornhusker football; and

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WHEREAS, Curtis Hieggelke was an early adopter of technology on both the personal and professional level; he co-founded the Illinois Macintosh Users Group (IMUG) in 1985, just a year after Apple launched its seminal personal computer; he conducted research that was funded by the National Science Foundation, which led to the development of a series of workshops and textbooks, dubbed nTIPERs (Newtonian Tasks Inspired by Physics Education Research), that taught thousands of physics teachers how to deploy emerging technology in the service of higher education; and

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WHEREAS, Curtis Hieggelke led a college workshop team of three that was honored by the American Physical Society in 2009

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1 for their innovative work in developing physics education in
2 community colleges across the country; and

3 WHEREAS, Curtis Hieggelke was the author or co-author of
4 six books; prior to his grant work, he ran the evening program
5 at Joliet Junior College in addition to his work as a full-time
6 faculty member; he was active in the teacher's union, serving
7 as its president at one point, and in the American Association
8 of Physics Teachers; and

9 WHEREAS, Curtis Hieggelke was selected for the Joliet
10 Junior College Susan H. Wood Hall of Fame Award in 2012; this
11 award capped off a forty-two-year career as a pioneering
12 educator, including more than thirty years teaching at Joliet
13 Junior College; and

14 WHEREAS, Curtis Hieggelke was preceded in death by his
15 parents, Harry and Glenna Hieggelke; his infant son, Todd
16 Hieggelke; and his younger brother, Dennis Hieggelke; and

17 WHEREAS, Curtis Hieggelke is survived by his wife of 58
18 years, Estelle (Hanson) Hieggelke, his sister, Judy (Manard)
19 Smith; his sister-in-law, Dawn Hieggelke; his sons, Brian (Jan)
20 Hieggelke, Brent Hieggelke, Jason (Tara) Hieggelke, and Justin
21 Hieggelke; his grandchildren, Erica (Fievel) Hieggelke, Margot
22 Hieggelke, Todd Hieggelke, Morgan Hieggelke, Greta Hieggelke,

1 Coen Hieggelke, Soren Hieggelke, and Karin Hieggelke; and his
2 great-grandchild, Otis Hieggelke; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Curtis J. Hieggelke and extend our sincere condolences to his
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Curtis Hieggelke as an expression of
10 our deepest sympathy.