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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 Richard Hugh "Dick" Worthen of Godfrey, who passed away on May 16, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Worthen was born to Hugh O. and Dorothy (Raines) Worthen on August 21, 1942; he was a lifelong resident of Wood River and Alton; he attended Wood River High School; he earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Political Science from Illinois State University; he married Mary Sherrill Anderson in Helmar on January 28, 1967; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Worthen taught History and Government courses at the high school and community college level; he was employed as a salesman by Sears in Alton for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Worthen led an active life of public service in local and state politics; he served as a legislative intern with the Illinois State Legislature in Springfield, as an Alton Precinct Committeeman, and on the Madison County Board for over 20 years; after retiring from the board, he served as the Madison County Storm Water Coordinator; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Worthen was committed to his faith and volunteering; he grew up in the Wood River First United

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1 Methodist Church and later became an active member at Main
2 Street United Methodist Church in Alton; he served as a
3 certified UMC lay leader and speaker; he also sang in the
4 choir; he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and the
5 Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission group; he served as a SCORE
6 mentor to young people going into the business world; and

7 WHEREAS, Dick Worthen enjoyed music; he played in many
8 bands throughout high school and college; he played trombone
9 and baritone with the Dixie Dudes Dixieland Band and the New
10 Horizons Band; he thoroughly enjoyed playing FDR in the Alton
11 Little Theatre production of Annie; and

12 WHEREAS, Dick Worthen loved the outdoors, camping, and
13 hiking; he was an environmental advocate and was instrumental
14 in bringing the recycling program to Madison County; he was a
15 founding member of The Nature Institute in Godfrey and an
16 active member of the Sierra Club locally, statewide, and
17 nationally; and

18 WHEREAS, Dick Worthen was preceded in death by his parents;
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20 WHEREAS, Dick Worthen is survived by his wife, Sherrill;
21 his son, Gregory (JulieAnn); his daughter, Julie Van Voorhis
22 (Matthew); his two grandchildren, Jonathan Hugh Worthen and

1 Garrison Hugh Worthen; his siblings, Marcia Harmon (Dan), Gary
2 Worthen (Leslie), and Diana Worthen; his brother-in-law, James
3 Anderson (Vicki); his nieces, Jennifer Battiste (Bill) and
4 Amanda Hintergardt; and his nephews, Eric Anderson (Brittany),
5 Matthew Harmon (Jane), and Geoffrey Worthen (Jeanne);
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Richard Hugh "Dick" Worthen and extend our sincere condolences
10 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Dick Worthen as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.