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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to recognize James William "Jim" Dodge for his service to the General Assembly and the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, James Dodge received his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois and earned his Juris Doctor from the Southern Illinois University School of Law; and

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WHEREAS, In October 2011, James Dodge was appointed executive director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, a nonpartisan agency that is responsible for the drafting and preparation of legislation for the Illinois General Assembly, including bills, amendments, resolutions, and conference committee reports; and

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WHEREAS, While serving as the executive director, James Dodge led the bureau's staff of attorneys, drafters, and typists and oversaw the production of thousands of pieces of legislation each year; and

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WHEREAS, James Dodge is a former prosecutor and a former assistant attorney general of Illinois, and he previously served as deputy chief counsel to former President of the

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1 Illinois Senate John Cullerton from 2003 to 2011, where he
2 helped write the rules for the impeachment trial of former
3 Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and was part of a multi-year
4 project to rewrite and modernize the Illinois Criminal Code
5 and Unified Code of Corrections; and

6 WHEREAS, James Dodge has served as an adjunct professor of
7 law with Concord Law School since 2000, where he is heavily
8 involved in curriculum revision and content creation for
9 courses, and previously taught as an instructor at Lake Land
10 College and Robert Morris University; and

11 WHEREAS, James Dodge is a commissioner of the National
12 Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (the Uniform
13 Laws Commission), serving on drafting and study committees for
14 proposed uniform laws, including the Uniform Fiduciary Income
15 and Principal Act (UFIPA), and his research has been published
16 in a number of law journals and professional publications; and

17 WHEREAS, James Dodge is a member of the Illinois State Bar
18 Association, the Illinois Bar Foundation, and the Academy of
19 Legal Studies in Business; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize James
22 William "Jim" Dodge for his service to the General Assembly

1 and the State of Illinois, and we wish him well in his future
2 endeavors; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Jim Dodge as an expression of our esteem and
5 respect.