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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened 3 to learn of the death of Brent Harold Gwillim of Peoria 4 Heights, who passed away on February 8, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Brent Gwillim was born to Olive and Harold 6 Gwillim in St. Louis, Missouri on July 28, 1946; he graduated 7 from Alton High School and Bradley University; he received his 8 Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri College of Law; 9 he was a proud member of the Sigma Chi fraternity; and

10 WHEREAS, Brent Gwillim's entire law career was spent at 11 Heyl, Royster, Voelker and Allen, where he loved the practice 12 of law, his coworkers, his partners, his support staff, and 13 his clients; and

14 WHEREAS, Brent Gwillim participated in and was a leader of many professional associations, including being chairman of 15 the Corporation and Securities Section Council of the Illinois 16 State Bar Association and chairman of the committee which 17 18 created and assisted in the adoption of a new Illinois Supreme 19 Court rule limiting liability of attorneys practicing in Illinois; throughout his life, he was a statewide speaker on a 20 21 variety of legal and business topics and also spoke and created seminars for the Illinois Institute of Continuing 22

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2 WHEREAS, Brent Gwillim held many leadership positions in 3 his community, including serving as chairman of the Tri-County 4 March of Dimes, president of the Peoria High School Band and 5 Orchestra Parents' Club, and president of the Peoria High 6 School Boosters; he also sat on the boards of First Federated 7 Church and the Country Club of Peoria; and

8 WHEREAS, Brent Gwillim will be remembered for his 9 kindness, his humor, his wit, his strength, and his faith; and

10 WHEREAS, Brent Gwillim was preceded in death by his son, 11 Kirk (Karmen); his sister, Tara Eby; his parents; and his 12 father-in-law, George Kirkpatrick; and

13 WHEREAS, Brent Gwillim is survived by his wife of 57 years, Judy; his mother-in-law, Lois Kirkpatrick; his sons, 14 15 Todd (Susie), Brad (Miew), and Ryan (Morgan); his grandchildren, Lauren, Marshall, Emerson, Finley, Harper, and 16 Reese Gwillim and Ryan (Lauren) and Nathan (Josie) Darko; his 17 18 niece, Pamala (Jim) Coady; his nephew, Chad (Amy) Eby; and his many cousins; therefore, be it 19

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

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4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 5 presented to the family of Brent Gwillim as an expression of 6 our deepest sympathy.