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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 Bruce Simon of Springfield, who passed away on October 23, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Bruce Simon was born to Fred and Nancy (Fell) Simon in Chicago on December 9, 1948; he spent his younger years in Gary, Indiana; he earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Indiana State University, where he was student body president; he served as a medic and drug counselor in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; he married Marguerite Feeley on July 25, 1987; and

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WHEREAS, Bruce Simon worked for Indiana U.S. Senator Vance Hartke and then as a legislative liaison at a variety of state agencies providing human services; after leaving state government, he had a successful career as a lobbyist for more than 25 years, primarily representing clients in healthcare related fields; he was also a co-founder of The Association of Safety Net Community Hospitals in Illinois and helped to establish the Medicaid data warehouse; and

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WHEREAS, Bruce Simon was involved in many community programs, including serving as a member of the Springfield Public School Foundation; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bruce Simon was the recipient of many awards for
2 outstanding public service to people in need; and

3 WHEREAS, Bruce Simon was a lifelong Chicago White Sox fan,
4 and he was a proud founding member of the bipartisan White Sox
5 Caucus in Springfield; he was devoted to his family and
6 reveled in their activities and accomplishments, and he
7 cherished spending time with them, including going to the
8 movies and on family vacations to Disney World, Coronado,
9 Michigan, and Ireland; and

10 WHEREAS, Bruce Simon will be remembered as a selfless,
11 thoughtful, and compassionate man; and

12 WHEREAS, Bruce Simon was preceded in death by his parents;
13 his brothers, Ed Simon and Bobby Simon; his nephew, Tom
14 Zimmerman; and his parents-in-law, Jim Feeley and Mary Beth
15 Feeley; and

16 WHEREAS, Bruce Simon is survived by his wife; his
17 children, Eileen (Patrick) Besler, Mary Kate Simon, and
18 Michael Simon; his grandchildren, Peter Patrick and William
19 Bruce Besler; his sisters, Leslie (Bob) Zimmerman and Mary
20 (Mike) Groves; his brothers, Dave (Karen) Simon, Gerry (Donna)
21 Simon, Mike Simon, and Danny (Alison) Simon; his aunt, Fran

1 Fell; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law,
2 and sisters-in-law; therefore, be it

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

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Bruce Simon as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.