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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 M. Hannon, Ph.D., who passed away on February 18, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Hannon was born to of Walter and Kathleen (Phalen) Hannon in Ivesdale; he graduated from Bement High School; he attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he earned his Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering in 1956, his Master of Engineering in Engineering Mechanics in 1965, and his Ph.D. in Engineering Mechanics in 1970; he became a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army ROTC program; he married Patricia Coffey; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Hannon worked as a registered professional engineer, aiding in the development of a new economic/environmental accounting system that enabled transactions to be recorded in monetary values and energy units in the same system, and this work was based in the Center for Advanced Computation; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Hannon then became a professor of geography at the University of Illinois, where he taught for over 40 years; during his tenure, he conducted groundbreaking research, taught courses in biological and earth systems

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1 modeling, led dynamic natural resource simulations, and  
2 mentored countless undergraduate and graduate students; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Hannon was a lifelong environmental advocate,  
4 founding the Prairie Rivers Network with his wife, Patricia,  
5 in 1967; he cofounded the Committee to Save Allerton Park and  
6 the Coalition on American Rivers (COAR); he was also active in  
7 the Land Conservation Foundation and the Urbana Courthouse  
8 Clock Restoration Project; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Hannon registered six patents and received  
10 numerous awards and accolades for his work; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Hannon was an accomplished hiker and walker;  
12 he was an avid photographer and historian for his family; he  
13 was affectionately known as "Grandpa Clock" to his  
14 great-grandchildren for his love of repairing antique clocks;  
15 he also enjoyed planting burr oak seeds; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Hannon was preceded in death by his wife; his  
17 son, Christopher; and his siblings, Susan Hannon Gorman and  
18 John Hannon; and

19 WHEREAS, Bruce Hannon is survived by his sister, Ellen  
20 (Chuck) Wolfenberger; his children, Claire (Brian) Deal, Laura  
21 (Scott) Madden, and Brian (Rhonda Starkey) Hannon; his

1 grandchildren, Caitlin (Derek) Peterson, John (Olivier  
2 Colombard) Deal, Ellen (Joe) Saathoff, Sean (Regina) Madden,  
3 Ben (Genevieve) Madden, Tyler (Camile) Starkey, and Logan  
4 (Megan) Hannon; and his great-grandchildren, Violet, George,  
5 Mae, Richie, Freddy, Lincoln, Kennedy, and James, with two  
6 more on the way; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Bruce M. Hannon, Ph.D. and extend our sincere condolences to  
10 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
11 further

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