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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were saddened
3 to learn of the passing of Karl Joachim "Jock" Weintraub of
4 Hyde Park on March 25, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Karl Joachim Weintraub was born in Darmstadt,
6 Germany, to a Jewish father and a Christian mother and spent
7 his childhood at a Quaker boarding school in Holland, where he
8 was hidden during World War II by a Christian family and
9 afterwards was sent by the Quakers to live in America, where he
10 eventually found his way to Chicago and enrolled at the
11 University of Chicago; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Weintraub received a bachelor of arts degree
13 in 1949, a master of arts in 1952, and a Ph.D. in History in
14 1957; he began teaching as an intern in 1954 at the University
15 of Chicago, where he spent 60 years as a student, professor,
16 and an inspiring mentor to generations of students; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Weintraub's course on Western History and
18 Culture had a "rock concert-like" appeal, with spring long
19 being marked by students sleeping out on the university's
20 quadrangle the night before registration in order to secure a
21 place in his class, which many alumni recall as a centerpiece
22 of their education; and

23 WHEREAS, He continued to teach his course even after
24 retiring and refused to accept a salary in quiet protest of the
25 changing styles in higher education, explaining that his
26 experiences with Nazism deepened his determination to keep his
27 course alive; and

28 WHEREAS, In addition to teaching at the University of
29 Chicago, he shared his knowledge by serving as a Life Trustee
30 for Knox College; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Weintraub also served as a trustee of the Art
2 Institute of Chicago and on the Board of Governors of the
3 School of the Art Institute of Chicago; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Weintraub was the Thomas E. Donnelly
5 Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus in History at the
6 University of Chicago, where his teaching skills earned him two
7 Quantrell Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in
8 1960 and 1986, the Danforth Foundation's E. Harris Harbison
9 Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1967, and the Amoco
10 Foundation Award for Distinguished Contributions to
11 Undergraduate Teaching in 1995; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2001, he received the Norman Maclean Alumni
13 Award, which recognizes emeritus and senior faculty members who
14 have made outstanding contributions to teaching and to the
15 student experience of life on campus; and

16 WHEREAS, Karl Joachim Weintraub was an esteemed scholar and
17 the author of numerous publications, including two books,
18 Visions of Culture:
19 Voltaire-Guizot-Burckhardt-Lamprecht-Huizinga-Ortega y Gassett
20 (1966) and The Value of the Individual: Self and Circumstance
21 in Autobiography (1978); and

22 WHEREAS, The passing of Karl Joachim Weintraub's passing
23 will be deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Katy O'Brien
24 Weintraub; his sister, Tatjana Wood; and his many colleagues,
25 former students, friends, and family; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
28 Karl Joachim Weintraub along with all who knew and loved him
29 and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends;
30 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Karl Joachim Weintraub as an
3 expression of our sorrow for their loss.