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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 our colleague and friend, former Illinois State Senator Richard "Dick" Klemm of Crystal Lake; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Oren "Dick" Klemm was born May 5, 1932 in Chicago to Oren and Edythe (Neilsen) Klemm; he married Nancy Havrilka on April 3, 1993 in Springfield; as a youth, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

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WHEREAS, He was a graduate of Purdue University and was a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1955 until 1962, he also served in the Air Force Reserves; he was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives from 1980-1993 and the Illinois Senate from 1993 until his retirement on February 10, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, While in the Illinois Senate, he served as Chairman of the prestigious Senate Executive Committee, and served on the Local Government, Elections, and the Commerce and Industry Committees; in addition, he served as Co-Chairman of the Legislative Printing Unit; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to serving in the Illinois House, he was elected to positions in Nunda Township, served as the president

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1 of the District 46 Board of Education, was elected to the
2 McHenry County Board and then served as Chairman, passing the
3 first developer donation ordinance to preserve farmland and
4 control growth, and he was Chairman of the first McHenry County
5 Economic Development Committee; and

6 WHEREAS, He was recognized by countless community service
7 organizations for his civic contributions; in 1972, he
8 purchased F.W.E. (Food Warming Equipment Company); F.W.E. was
9 founded in the late 1940s by his father; Senator Klemm operated
10 F.W.E. as President until selling the company in 2005 to his
11 close friend and business partner, Deron Lichte; he assumed the
12 role of chief executive officer and chairman of the board until
13 his passing; recognized for his innovation, he received five
14 U.S. patents; and he oversaw the move of F.W.E. manufacturing
15 from Elk Grove Village to Crystal Lake in 1982, as well as
16 several expansions of the manufacturing facility; and

17 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and

18 WHEREAS, Former Senator Richard Klemm is survived by his
19 beloved wife of 17 years, Nancy; his four sons, James (Tammy)
20 Skerston, Jack (Lori) Skerston, Michael Havrilka, and David
21 (Sarah) Havrilka; his three daughters, Susan (Jeff) Johnston,
22 Kaye (Kevin) Krimmel, and Jamie (Dave) Howe; his 17
23 grandchildren; his sister, DeLoris (Rick) Tull; his niece,

1 Debbie Hoffman; and his nephew, Charles Gauger; therefore, be
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3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
5 his friends, family, and former constituents, the passing of
6 former State Senator Richard "Dick" Klemm; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of former State Senator Richard "Dick"
9 Klemm as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.