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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis was a brilliant mathematics scholar, whose contributions to academia were exceeded only by his love and devotion to his wife, children, and grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis was born on August 21, 1931, in Athens, Greece; his parents were Constantine and Synodia (Korbeti) Deliyannis; and

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WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis received a degree in electrical and mechanical engineering from the prestigious National Metsovion Polytechnic University in Athens in 1954 and his Doctorate of Mathematics from the University of Chicago in 1963; and

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WHEREAS, From 1966 to 1969, Platon Deliyannis and his family moved back to Athens, Greece, where he served as the Director of the Center for Advanced Studies in Physics of the Nuclear Research Centre Demokritos to consider the peaceful uses of nuclear energy; and

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WHEREAS, In 1969, Platon Deliyannis and his family moved back to the United States, settling in Deerfield, where he served as a Professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology

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1 for 32 years and as Professor Emeritus for the following 9
2 years; and

3 WHEREAS, During his career, Platon Deliyannis was a widely
4 respected scholar in the international mathematics community,
5 especially for his research in measure theory and functional
6 analysis, and was particularly noted for his pioneering
7 research in quantum logics and the mathematical foundations of
8 quantum theory; and

9 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis was active in the Greek Orthodox
10 Church; he was a member of the Sts. Peter and Paul Greek
11 Orthodox Church for 29 years and the Ascension of our Lord
12 Greek Orthodox Church for the last 10 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis was a cultured and enlightened
14 man who was a passionate fan of classical music; he played the
15 piano and classical guitar and regularly attended the symphony
16 and opera; he was an avid reader; he enjoyed cooking and
17 entertaining with friends; he travelled to virtually every
18 country in Europe, as well as China, Canada, and 39 U.S.
19 states; he also enjoyed woodworking and building bookcases and
20 other furniture; and

21 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis was a kind and gentle man of the
22 highest integrity, who had a robust sense of humor, a loving

1 demeanor, and a genuine zest for life; and

2 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis placed above all else his
3 devotion to his beloved family, including his wife Virginia
4 (Revidi) Deliyannis, their children, Constantine Deliyannis
5 and Anny (Deliyannis) Gary, and their grandchildren, Alex,
6 Harry, Simon, and Zoe, all of whom survive him and who loved
7 him dearly; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that that we mourn the
10 passing of Platon Constantine Deliyannis.