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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 State Representative Richard P. Myers of Colchester, who passed away on December 1, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born to John and Martha Myers on December 27, 1947 in Macomb; he married Christine Sims on August 9, 1975 in North Henderson; he graduated from Colchester High School in 1966 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy from Western Illinois University in 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Myers farmed his family farm for 29 years and served 6 years in the United States Army Reserves; he was an active member and elder of the Scotland Trinity Presbyterian Church; and

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WHEREAS, During his farming career, Representative Myers was active in the Farm Bureau organization, serving in various capacities at the local, State, and national levels; he served 12 years as a member of the board of directors of the Illinois Farm Bureau; during that time he represented the Illinois Farm Bureau on the board of directors of the Interstate Producers Livestock Association, the U.S. Meat Export Federation, and numerous other agricultural organizations; and

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1 WHEREAS, Representative Myers served several years as
2 minority spokesperson of the Appropriations-Higher Education
3 Committee and was a strong advocate for increased funding for
4 the State's public colleges and universities, as well as for
5 the State's community college system; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Myers served on the Agriculture
7 and Conservation, Higher Education, State Government
8 Administration, Elections and Campaign Reform, and Renewable
9 Energy Committees; he served as a member of the Passenger Rail
10 Caucus, a group of legislators advocating for continued and
11 expanded Amtrak service throughout the State; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Myers was co-chair of the
13 Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, a
14 bi-partisan legislative commission of members from both
15 chambers; their responsibilities include forecasting State
16 revenue projections, oversight of employee insurance programs,
17 and conducting hearings on the proposed closure of State
18 facilities; and

19 WHEREAS, Beyond the State of Illinois, Representative
20 Myers served as co-chair of the Agriculture and Natural
21 Resources Committee of the Midwest Legislative Conference of
22 the Council of State Governments; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Myers was preceded in death by his
2 son, Nicholas; his father, John; and his brother, Wendell, who
3 died in infancy; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Myers is survived by his wife,
5 Chris; his daughter, Alison; his mother, Martha; his brothers,
6 Donald (Sue) Myers and Charles (Ann) Myers; and numerous nieces
7 and nephews; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Myers will be remembered as a
9 thoughtful and hardworking legislator who always put his family
10 and constituents first; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 his family, friends, and constituents, the passing of State
14 Representative Richard Myers; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of State Representative Richard Myers
17 as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.