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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 Dr. Norris A. Erickson, who passed away on August 20, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Norris Erickson was born on April 6, 1944, in Davenport, Iowa; he was the son of Alvin and Lila Erickson; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Norris Erickson served his country with pride as a member of the United States Army from 1965 to 1967; during his stint in the Army, he was stationed in Panama as a military policeman; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Norris Erickson graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1972, following in the footsteps of his father, mother, and aunt; after graduation, he moved to Sandwich, where he joined his aunt, Dr. Jennette Nelson, at her chiropractic office; in 1976, he moved to Aurora and opened the Erickson Chiropractic Center, one of the largest children's practices in Aurora; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Norris Erickson was one of 33 in the first graduating class at Palmer College to receive his LCP from the Palmer Legion of Chiropractic Philosophers in 2000; that same year, he was awarded with a Fellow in the Palmer Academy of

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1 Chiropractic for his valued contributions to Palmer College and
2 to the advancement of the chiropractic profession; in 2001, he
3 was awarded the Distinguished Fellow from the International
4 Chiropractic Association in recognition of his outstanding
5 contributions to his patients, chiropractics, and humanity in
6 general; in 2005, he earned his Diplomate in Philosophical
7 Chiropractic Standard from the International Chiropractic
8 Association Council of Chiropractic Philosophy; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Norris Erickson was a long-serving Commander
10 on the Roosevelt Aurora Post 84 American Legion; he was a past
11 Kane County Commander of the American Legion and Passe Chef de
12 Gare of the 40 & 8 elite of the American Legion; he was a member
13 of Masonic Lodge #254 and the Aurora Area Shrine Club; he also
14 served as a member on the Aurora Airport board for two decades;
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16 WHEREAS, Dr. Norris Erickson was instrumental in bringing
17 the Moving Wall to Aurora in 1989 and in the renaming of
18 Veterans Island, as well as the memorial on it dedicated to all
19 past, present, and future veterans; he was also instrumental in
20 the revival of Aurora's Fourth of July parade; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Norris Erickson sponsored numerous successful
22 softball teams during the 1980's and was referred to by some as
23 the George Steinbrenner of the Fox Valley; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Norris Erickson is survived by his wife,
2 Sally; his daughters, Krista Erickson Tetter, Karsta (Bill)
3 Erickson, and Christine (Tom) Watt; his son, Phillip Baratta;
4 and his grandchildren, Kyra Erickson Tetter, Kelsen Erickson,
5 and Rocco and Anthony Watt; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 his family and friends, the passing of Dr. Norris A. Erickson;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Dr. Norris Erickson as an expression
12 of our sympathy.