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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 Donald E. Eckmann, who passed away on July 4, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Eckmann was born in Chicago and raised in Riverside; he was a longtime resident of Downers Grove; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Eckmann graduated from Riverside-Brookfield High School and earned his Bachelor of Arts in civil engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1956; and

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WHEREAS, After college, Donald Eckmann began working for Alvord, Burdick, and Howson in Chicago, where he soon became an expert in the practice of water and wastewater engineering and was named a partner in 1969; while at the firm, he was responsible for the design of waterworks facilities in Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Virginia, Kentucky, and Monrovia, Liberia; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure at Alvord, Burdick, and Howson, Donald Eckmann served as the civil engineer responsible for overseeing the design of the Lake Michigan water supply system project, which helped lay the groundwork for more than 20

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1 DuPage County communities to receive Lake Michigan water from
2 Chicago; and

3 WHEREAS, Donald Eckmann retired from Alvord, Burdick, and
4 Howson in 2006; he continued as a part-time consultant at the
5 firm following the firm's acquisition by the engineering firm
6 of Donohue & Associates; and

7 WHEREAS, Donald Eckmann served as president of the Illinois
8 Section and director of the national organization of the
9 American Society of Civil Engineers; he also served as
10 president of the Western Society of Engineers; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1989, Donald Eckmann was the recipient of the
12 Distinguished Alumni Award from Illinois' Civil and
13 Environmental Engineering Alumni Association; in 1992, he was
14 named the Civil Engineer of the Year by the American Society of
15 Civil Engineers for his work on the Lake Michigan water supply
16 system project; and

17 WHEREAS, Donald Eckmann is survived by his wife of 56
18 years, Arlene; his son, David; his daughters, Pam Kolzow and
19 Lora Kmiecniak; and his 8 grandchildren; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his

1 family and friends, mourn the passing of Donald E. Eckmann; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Donald Eckmann as an expression of
5 our sympathy.