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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 John A. Patterson of Farmington, who passed away on April 19, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, John Patterson was born in Canton on October 20, 1943, the son of Florence and Larry Horton, and Dr. John H. Patterson; he attended Canton schools and graduated from Normal Community High School; he attended Canton College and earned his bachelor's degree in education from Western Illinois University (WIU) in 1965 and his master's degree in educational administration from WIU in 1973; he married Cynthia Hayduk on August 1, 1964 at the Methodist Church in Canton; and

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WHEREAS, John Patterson spent his career in education and worked at public schools in Smithfield, Cuba, Eldorado, and Farmington; he retired in 1994 after 21 years as an elementary and junior high school principal; he continued to work part-time with the alternative school program in the Fulton/Schulyer Regional Office of Education; and

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WHEREAS, John Patterson enjoyed traveling, golfing, fishing, playing cards, and spending time with family and friends; he belonged to many organizations including the Illinois and Fulton County Retired Teachers Associations, the

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1 Illinois Principals Association, the local, State, and
2 national Parent-Teacher Association, the AARP, Farmington
3 Moose Lodge #1571, the Fulton County Farm Bureau, the West
4 Central Association for Supervision and Curriculum
5 Development, the Farmington Rotary Club, the Farmington
6 Academic Foundation Board, the Century Investment Club, and the
7 Maple Lane Country Club; and

8 WHEREAS, John Patterson was preceded in death by his
9 parents, and by a brother, Chris; and

10 WHEREAS, John Patterson is survived by his wife of 49
11 years, Cynthia; 2 children, John C. (Tricia) Patterson and
12 Jennifer Patterson; 4 grandchildren, Sam and Owen Patterson and
13 Mia and Ava Allen; 2 sisters, Lee Ann (Jack) Bennie and Cindy
14 Horton; and 5 brothers, Ben (Sandy), Joe (Beth), Jim (Barbara),
15 Tom (Sharon), and Bob (Donna) Patterson; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 John A. Patterson, and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of John Patterson as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.