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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 Richard A. "Dick" Schwebel of Peoria, who passed away on July 15, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Schwebel was born in Vandalia on October 14, 1942 to Raymond and Minnie (Van Cloostere) Schwebel; he received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration from Bradley University in Peoria; he married Marjorie A. Hoffer on June 1, 1963 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Morton; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Schwebel began his career at Wabco (now Komatsu) and Caterpillar in Peoria; he served in senior executive positions at J.I. Case in Racine, Wisconsin and at the Cessna Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kansas; he was Chief Executive Officer at Bomag and Compaction America in Springfield, Ohio and at Cedarapids, Inc. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; in semi-retirement, he consulted for Paladin, where he worked on important war projects in the Middle East; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Schwebel was known as "Mr. Marketing" in the construction equipment field; he developed programs emulated industry-wide; he was instrumental in creating the Construction Industry Manufacturers Association, which

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1 produces the largest trade show in America, and served as an  
2 officer on its Board; he developed the J.I. Case Excavator  
3 Rodeo and created the Cessna Hangar 10 shops, capturing  
4 America's fascination with flying; he served on the American  
5 Road and Transportation Builders Association Board of  
6 Directors, where he focused on the nationwide high-speed rail  
7 initiative; he also served on the Board of the National  
8 Automotive Parts Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Dick Schwebel was highly involved in civic  
10 organizations, including the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, which  
11 he co-founded at Bradley University; the Newman Club at Bradley  
12 University, which he served as President; the Father Raho  
13 Council Knights of Columbus, which he co-founded in Morton; the  
14 West Racine Kiwanis, which he co-founded in Racine, Wisconsin;  
15 Marty's Men's Retreat at the Siena Center, which he co-founded  
16 with Fr. Martin Pable in Racine, Wisconsin; the Chamber of  
17 Commerce Board of Directors in Springfield, Ohio; the Junior  
18 Achievement Board of Directors and originator of the Hall of  
19 Fame in Springfield, Ohio; he served as a commissioner on the  
20 City of Peoria Heart of Peoria Commission, as a commissioner on  
21 the City of Peoria Planning Commission, and as a board member  
22 of the Peoria Historical Society; he was a member of the  
23 Greater Peoria Rose Society, Caper's Club, and the Moss-Bradley  
24 Residential Association; he served on the Board of Directors of  
25 Children's Oncology Services, Inc. in Chicago, which sends more

1 than 400 children with cancer to camp each summer at Lake  
2 Geneva, Wisconsin and to which the Jeffrey A. Schwebel Memorial  
3 Foundation is a major contributor; and

4 WHEREAS, Dick Schwebel was never too busy to serve as a  
5 leader of the Cub Scouts or Indian Guides, sponsor an immigrant  
6 for citizenship, or assist with Mass at his parish; in 2009, he  
7 was the recipient of a mayoral proclamation from Mayor Jim  
8 Ardis for his outstanding service to his community; and

9 WHEREAS, Dick Schwebel was preceded in death by his  
10 parents, and by one son, Jeffery A. Schwebel; and

11 WHEREAS, Dick Schwebel is survived by his wife, Marjorie;  
12 their children, Todd Schwebel, Monica Orr, Scott (Alexis)  
13 Schwebel, and Brian Schwebel; his 6 grandchildren, Sean and  
14 Caroline Orr, Noah and Cole Schwebel, and August and Colette  
15 Schwebel; and one brother, Raymond J. Schwebel; therefore, be  
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17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 Richard A. "Dick" Schwebel, and extend our sincere condolences  
20 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
21 it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Dick Schwebel as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.