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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 former Illinois State Representative Michael K. Smith, who passed away on August 9, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Michael Smith was born in Canton on May 23, 1966 to Dale and Betty Bertetto Smith; he graduated from Canton High School; In 1988, he graduated from Bradley University in Peoria with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; on February 9, 1991, he married Donna L. Shaw in Canton; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Michael Smith worked as a legislative assistant for the Illinois House of Representatives from 1986 to 1992, where he was assigned to the staff of the Judiciary II Criminal Law Committee; from 1992 to 1995, he was a Citizens Advocate in the Peoria Regional Office of the Illinois Attorney General's Office; he was elected State Representative in 1995 and served 8 terms representing the 91st District, including parts of Fulton, Peoria, and Tazewell counties; he was appointed Chairman of the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee, the Appropriation Committee for Elementary and Secondary Education Committee, and the Agriculture and Conservation Committee; he served as a member of the Environment and Energy Committee, the Financial

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1 Institutions Committee, the Judiciary II Criminal Law
2 Committee, and the Personnel and Pensions Committee; he served
3 as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Downstate Democratic
4 Caucus and was the Founder and Co-Chairman of the Illinois
5 Legislative Fire Services Caucus; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Michael Smith served the Graham
7 Hospital in Canton as a trustee emeritus and the 336 Highway
8 Coalition as a founding member; he was past president of the
9 Canton Area Chamber of Commerce, a former board member of the
10 American Heart Association Illinois Affiliate, past president
11 of the American Heart Association Fulton County Division, a
12 former board member of the Fulton-Mason Crisis Service, and
13 past Parish Council President at St. Mary's Catholic Church;
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15 WHEREAS, Representative Michael Smith received numerous
16 awards and recognitions, including the Glen Walters Memorial
17 Award, the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Legislator of
18 the Year, the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts
19 Friend of Agriculture, the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical
20 Association 1999 Legislative Award, the Illinois Association
21 of Rural Electric Co-ops Representative of the Year, the
22 Illinois ABATE Outstanding Legislator Award, the Illinois
23 Education Association Legislative Service Award, the Illinois
24 Hospital Association Friend of Agriculture, and the Illinois

1 Farm Bureau Leo Sharp Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Michael Smith was preceded in
3 death by his father, Dale; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Michael Smith is survived by his
5 wife, Donna; his mother, Betty; his sisters, Sandra Schuman and
6 Pat Fowler; his nieces and nephews, Greg Schuman, Amy Tiff,
7 Angela (Tim) Burke, Natalie Fowler, Amanda Waddell, Nick
8 (Erika) Shaw, Joel (Kerrie) Shaw, and Derek Shaw; and several
9 great-nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 former Illinois State Representative Michael K. Smith, and
13 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
14 who knew and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Representative Michael Smith as an
17 expression of our deepest sympathy.