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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of our
4 esteemed colleague Henry Woods Bowman of Evanston, also known
5 as H. Woods Bowman, and even more commonly known as Woody; and

6 WHEREAS, Woody was killed on July 10, 2015 in a tragic
7 automobile accident in Michigan; and

8 WHEREAS, Woody grew up in Charleston, West Virginia, and
9 came to Chicago to serve as a research economist for the
10 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; he then became an assistant
11 professor of economics at the University of Illinois at
12 Chicago; and

13 WHEREAS, With a strong desire to help solve challenges
14 facing the State and its people, Woody won election to the
15 Illinois General Assembly in 1976; he represented the 18th
16 Representative District, serving Evanston and its environs,
17 from 1977 to 1990; and

18 WHEREAS, Between 1983 and 1990, Woody chaired the House
19 Appropriations II Committee; as an expert budget negotiator, he
20 brought transparency, accountability, and reform to the budget
21 process; and

1 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Legislature, Woody was a
2 strong advocate for human services and education, he fought for
3 civil rights and civil liberties; he pressed for more State
4 support for the most vulnerable Illinois residents and the
5 mentally ill; he earned the respect of his colleagues on both
6 sides of the aisle for his steady commitment to his
7 convictions, his compassion for others, and his integrity; and

8 WHEREAS, Following his service in the Illinois House of
9 Representatives, Woody served as the chief financial officer of
10 Cook County; he then returned to teaching as a member of the
11 faculty of DePaul University's School of Public Service until
12 his recent retirement; and

13 WHEREAS, Before, during, and after his service in elective
14 office, Woody was a highly respected political observer and
15 adviser, devoting himself to supporting like-minded candidates
16 and counseling elected officials throughout his life; and

17 WHEREAS, Woody was interested in economics, finance, and
18 ethics; he received bachelor's degrees in physics and economics
19 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's
20 degree in public administration and a doctorate in economics
21 from Syracuse University; and

1 WHEREAS, Woody's book, "Finance Fundamentals for
2 Nonprofits: Building Capacity and Sustainability", received
3 the 2013 Hodgkinson Research Prize from the Association for
4 Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
5 (ARNOVA); he also authored, co-authored, and refereed numerous
6 peer-reviewed articles, including "Issues in Nonprofit Finance
7 Research: Surplus, Endowment, and Endowment Portfolios"; and

8 WHEREAS, Woody was married to his wife, Michele Thompson,
9 for nearly 30 years; the couple met after Michele testified at
10 a legislative hearing on behalf of the University of Illinois,
11 where she served as Assistant Vice Chancellor for academic
12 affairs and later as Secretary to the University of Illinois
13 Board of Trustees; in their retirement, Woody and Michele
14 enjoyed music, theater, art, foreign languages, and travel; and

15 WHEREAS, H. Woods Bowman will long be remembered for his
16 generosity, his political independence, his willingness to
17 help others, and his work to improve lives; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn the passing of H. Woods
21 Bowman and extend our sincere condolences to Michele and all
22 his family, his friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
23 it further

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