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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 Peter J. Traczyk of Oak Park, who passed away on February 7, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, The members of this body are deeply saddened by Peter's passing, as he personified the spirit of public service and engagement that animates the Village of Oak Park, where he was known as a valued leader, a friend to many, and a loving husband and father; and

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WHEREAS, Peter was born on June 29, 1966 in Windsor, Connecticut to Richard and Germaine Traczyk; he graduated from high school and earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, Peter married Cindy Friess in November of 1994; they moved to Oak Park in 1997, where their 3 children attend school; and

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WHEREAS, Peter was an avid shutterbug, capturing every day and many special moments of life; he loved outdoor activities, including boating, fishing, and riding ATV's; and

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WHEREAS, Peter enjoyed working with his hands, doing

1 carpentry, and playing with the latest gadgets; these skills
2 and his bottomless generosity made him the go to fix-it guy for
3 his friends and neighbors; and

4 WHEREAS, Peter cleared the winter snow and ice from his
5 neighbors' sidewalks, driveways, and alleys; he loved spending
6 time with his children, exploring new adventures and the world
7 with them and sharing his love of books, movies, and music; and

8 WHEREAS, Peter had a great sense of humor and he laughed
9 often; his laugh was known as loud and long and was well known
10 to all who knew him; and

11 WHEREAS, Peter was a remarkable citizen and leader in Oak
12 Park; he first served on the Parent-Teacher Organization of
13 Beye School and served as co-president of the organization; and

14 WHEREAS, Peter was elected to the District 97 School Board
15 in 2007, serving one term as President; and

16 WHEREAS, In learning of his passing, the District 97 School
17 Board commended Peter as a dedicated public servant whose
18 passion, altruism, and leadership had a profound and lasting
19 impact on the schools and the entire Village of Oak Park; they
20 also noted that he inspired many with his strong work ethic,
21 integrity, and tireless commitment that he displayed on a daily

1 basis; and

2 WHEREAS, Peter was a fixture at school and community events
3 and on the ball fields of Oak Park, where he coached his
4 children in softball, tee-ball, and soccer; and

5 WHEREAS, Peter is survived by his wife, Cindy; 2 sons,
6 Gilbert and Zachary; a daughter, Helen (Ellie); 5 siblings,
7 David (Linda), Janice (Phil), Christine, Julie, and Amy (Jeb);
8 his in-laws, Judy and Herman Friess, Gregory and Michelle
9 Friess, Lisa and Jeffrey Alder, and Jane Friess; and his many
10 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Peter J. Traczyk; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Peter Traczyk as an expression of
17 our sympathy.