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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 Michael Kotzin of Highland Park, who passed away on October 18, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Kotzin was born in Chicago; he graduated from Sullivan High School and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and his doctorate from the University of Minnesota; he served in the Israeli army after being drafted for the 1973 Yom Kippur War; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Kotzin joined the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in Atlanta, Georgia in 1979; 2 years later, he became Regional Director in Columbus, Ohio, and then in 1983, he returned to Chicago to head the ADL office; he spent the last 25 years with the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, first as Executive Director of the organization's Jewish Community Relations Council and then as Executive Vice-President; later, he served as a special consultant to the President; his involvement in Jewish and Zionist organizations came after he spent 11 years teaching English literature at Tel Aviv University in Israel; and

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WHEREAS, In 2014, the Jewish United Fund published a book by Michael Kotzin, "On the Front Lines in a Changing Jewish

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1 World", a collection of his essays, opinion columns, speeches,
2 and reviews; and

3 WHEREAS, Michael Kotzin is survived by his wife, Judith;
4 his daughter, Abigail Kotzin; his sons, Daniel and Joshua; his
5 sister, Morissa Amitai; and his 8 grandchildren; therefore, be
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7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Michael Kotzin, and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Michael Kotzin as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.