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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 Carl Leonard LaMarr, Ed.D., who passed away on December 10, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Carl LaMarr was born on September 20, 1935 in Cordele, Georgia; his parents were Jesse and Lela LaMarr; and

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WHEREAS, Music played a very important part of Dr. Carl LaMarr's life; his trumpet took him to Chicago to study at the Vandercook College of Music; during his service in the United States Army, he played his horn in a United States Army band and at military funerals; he later taught music in Chicago, where he met his future wife, Sonya Frances Saxton; and

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WHEREAS, In 1966, Dr. Carl LaMarr moved his family to Alaska to teach native students at a Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school in Wrangell; he later moved to Anchorage, where he taught music in the Anchorage School District while he continued his education, earning a master's degree from the University of Alaska and a doctorate in education and administration from the University of Southern California; rising through the ranks of school administration of the Anchorage School District, first as Deputy Superintendent and ultimately serving as Superintendent; and

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1 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Dr. Carl LaMarr and his
2 wife explored the United States in their motor home for 2
3 years, occasionally bringing their granddaughters along for
4 the journey; they also took their love of traveling overseas to
5 visit more than 25 countries; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Carl LaMarr was preceded in death by his
7 siblings, Mamie, Bertha, Nancy, Ethel, Jones King, Jesse,
8 Brodis, Catherine, and Mildred; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Carl LaMarr is survived by his wife of 59
10 years, Sonya; his daughters, Carla and Catherine; his
11 son-in-law, Herbert; his granddaughters, Gabrielle and
12 Genevieve; his sisters-in-law; his many nieces and nephews; and
13 his many friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
16 family and friends, mourn the passing of Carl Leonard LaMarr,
17 Ed.D.; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Dr. Carl LaMarr as an expression of
20 our sympathy.