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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 Ronald D. Bullock, who passed away at the age of 73; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Bullock began his career with the Bison Gear and Engineering Corporation in 1981, serving in research and development, engineering, marketing, operations, and general management roles before acquiring Bison in 1987; as owner of Bison, he led the company through unprecedented growth while simultaneously expanding the company's product line and distribution channels and introducing the company into the European market; he also championed Bison's customer-focused approach while driving a culture of continuous improvement; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Bullock was a dedicated proponent for American manufacturing; he recently completed a two-year term as Chairman of the Manufacturing Institute, a think tank affiliated with the National Association of Manufacturers, for which he also served on the board of directors; he also served as Chairman of the Illinois Manufacturing Association and the IMA Education Foundation, and was a founder of the Illinois P-20 Council; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Bullock concentrated on the importance of

1 continuing education and community outreach; BisonCares, a
2 charity organization operated through Bison, recently
3 celebrated its 10-year anniversary of providing services and
4 support to local charities; he also funded several scholarship
5 programs through the IMA Education Foundation and offered
6 financial support to children of Bison associates attending
7 college through the Bullock Family Scholarship; and

8 WHEREAS, Ronald Bullock is survived by his daughter, Laurel
9 Novak; his daughter-in-law, Kelly Burch; his brother-in-law,
10 John Stewart; seven grandchildren; and his many friends and
11 family at Bison; therefore, be it

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

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Ronald Bullock as an expression of
18 our sympathy.