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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 Jeffrey Arthur Lovett, who passed away on July 10, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffrey Lovett was born on March 18, 1958 in Temple, Texas; his parents were Donald Robert Lovett and Carol Joan Pulver; he married Lisa Linn Reed on February 14, 1975; and

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WHEREAS, Jeffrey Lovett graduated from Dixon High School in 1976, Sauk Valley College in 1978, and Northern Illinois University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Jeffrey Lovett served as a state bank examiner with the Illinois Commissioner of Banks before becoming the Cashier, Board Secretary, and Loan Officer for the State Bank of Paw Paw; in 1985, he began working at Dixon National Bank as an Assistant Vice President in the loan department; in 1992, when Dixon National Bank was sold to AMCORE, he was made Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer, a position he held until March of 1999 when he was named President and Chief Operation Officer; he was later named a Regional Market President for the group of AMCORE banks

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1 that he managed; in 2010, Midland States Bank purchased the
2 banks that he managed and he became one of three Regional
3 Market Presidents, having oversight of the branches in Dixon,
4 Oregon, Freeport, Sterling, Rock Falls, Princeton, Peru, and
5 Mendota; and

6 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Lovett was involved with many community
7 organizations; while living in Ashton, he was a Trustee on the
8 Village Board, President of the Ashton Lions, a member of the
9 Ashton Business Association and Ashton Fire Department; he
10 helped organize the Ashton Summer Celebration and served as its
11 first President; while living and working in Dixon, he was
12 President of the Dixon Evening Lions Club, the Dixon Family
13 YMCA, and the Dixon Petunia Festival, a founder and President
14 of Dixon Main Street, and President and board member of the
15 Sinnissippi Centers and the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home
16 Preservation Foundation; he served on the Board and numerous
17 terms as President of the Great Lakes Belted Galloway
18 Association; he served on the board of the Dixon Chamber of
19 Commerce and the Sauk Valley College Foundation; he was
20 appointed by Mayor James Burke to serve on his Economic
21 Development Commission; he served on the Board of Directors for
22 the Dixon Fire Department Pension Plan; and

23 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Lovett received the Dixon Chamber of
24 Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 1995; he was also a Dixon

1 Evening Lions Club Lion of the Year; and

2 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Lovett enjoyed a lifelong interest in many
3 areas of history, including the Civil War, local history, and
4 genealogy; he enjoyed participating in Civil War reenactments
5 for many years and shared this with his daughters and his
6 nephew; he wrote and self-published many books about the homes
7 in which he lived, several family lines, and the family
8 histories of his friends; he and his wife enjoyed their family
9 and their farm raising cattle, horses, and chickens; and

10 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Lovett was preceded in death by his
11 grandchildren, Nora Katherine and William Arthur Richardson;
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13 WHEREAS, Jeffrey Lovett is survived by his loving wife,
14 Lisa L. Lovett; his daughters, Heather L. Lovett and Sarah J.
15 Lovett; his granddaughters, Haley Lenhart, Lillian Richardson,
16 Katherine Richardson, and Marianna Al-Ghizawat; his parents;
17 his siblings, Joan (Tim) Tripp and Don (Nikki) Lovett; and his
18 four nieces and four nephews; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
21 family and friends, mourn the passing of Jeffrey Arthur Lovett;
22 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Jeffrey Lovett as an expression of
3 our sympathy.