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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 Christ F. Schwelle of Bloomington, who passed away on August 19, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Christ Schwelle was born on March 7, 1942 in Chicago; his parents were Christian and Victoria Ellinger Schwelle; he married Diane Clever on June 8, 1968 in Charleston; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from Lane Tech High School in Chicago and receiving an associate degree from Wright Junior College, Christ Schwelle earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Christ Schwelle was a guidance counselor in the Danville public schools for a year before going to Illinois State University in 1968; he held a variety of positions in the student affairs division, including director of Bone Student Center and Braden Auditorium from 1978 to 1999; during his tenure as director, the Braden "Stars on Stage Series" brought major entertainment to the community and space was leased to a bookstore and brand name food operations; and

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WHEREAS, Christ Schwelle was president of the ISU

1 Annuitants Association from 2006 to 2010 and continued on the
2 ISUAA Board of Directors after his presidential term expired;
3 following his retirement, he became an active member of the
4 Spring Ridge Homeowners Association Board, the University
5 Club, and the Young Men's Club; he was also a volunteer track
6 official at Illinois State University for more than 30 years;
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8 WHEREAS, Christ Schwelle was a recipient of the Neil R.
9 Gamsky Quality of Student Life Award and the
10 Administrative/Professional Staff Distinguished Service Award
11 for his contributions to Illinois State University; he was also
12 given the Association of College Unions-International Region 9
13 Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to that
14 organization; and

15 WHEREAS, Christ Schwelle was an avid baseball fan and,
16 usually accompanied by his family, had attended games at 35
17 Major League parks, as well as 24 Minor League parks and spring
18 training sites; and

19 WHEREAS, Christ Schwelle was preceded in death by his
20 parents; his grandparents; his sister, Susan F. Schwelle; his
21 stepfather; and his stepsister; and

22 WHEREAS, Christ Schwelle is survived by his wife, Diane;

1 his daughters, Karen Schwelle and Kim Schwelle; his uncle, John
2 (Sylvia) Ellinger; his aunt, Frances Newberg; and his cousins,
3 Elenore Heinrich, Robert (Renee) Newberg, and Herlinde Yugar;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
7 family and friends, mourn the passing of Christ F. Schwelle;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Christ Schwelle as an expression of
11 our sympathy.