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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 Charles "Chuck" Dennis Sandford of Marengo, who passed away on December 2, 2016, at the age of 70; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Sandford was born in Joplin, Missouri to Charles William and Mary Louise (Williams) Sandford on August 30, 1946; he graduated from Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1964, where he was active on the basketball and baseball teams; he married Maribeth (Kapilla) in 1991; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Sandford attended Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State) for two years before entering the U.S. Army where he served for two years, including one year in Vietnam as a Specialist 5; after his discharge from the Army, he attended Upper Iowa University for one year; he then began his life in the Chicago area, including entering the horse business by owning pacers and quarter horses; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Sandford joined Maribeth's company, Bag Makers, Inc., and was named company president; he partnered with Maribeth to guide the company through three decades of rapid growth and success; and

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1 WHEREAS, Charles Sandford, along with his wife, entered the
2 thoroughbred industry in 2010 under the stable name Chuck and
3 Maribeth Sandford, LLC; the stable rose to prominence in 2012
4 while campaigning with the Florida Derby winner (G1), Take
5 Charge Indy; Take Charge Indy was injured in the Kentucky
6 Derby, but came back to win the Alysheba Stakes at Churchill
7 Downs before retiring to WinStar Farm; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Sandford enjoyed all aspects of the racing
9 industry; he loved watching his horses and would spend
10 countless hours at the barn with his longtime friend and
11 trainer, Patrick Byrne; he always enjoyed watching the colts
12 grow up into promising two-year olds; he was an active
13 participant in numerous auctions including the September
14 Yearling Sale at Keeneland and the Fasig-Tipton Two-Year-Olds
15 In Training Sale in Florida; in addition to his great love of
16 horses, he enjoyed dogs, golfing, bowling, and spending time
17 with his family; and

18 WHEREAS, Charles Sandford was preceded in death by his
19 parents; and

20 WHEREAS, Charles Sandford is survived by his wife,
21 Maribeth; his sister, Cheryl (Roger) Bayness; his
22 step-children, Paul (Stephanie) Fleming, and Jennifer Madai;
23 his nephew, Jeremy (Jennifer) Bayness; his nieces, Jennifer

1 (Scott) McFadden, and Brittany (Blake) Pawlikowski; his
2 grandchildren, Anna Marie (Ben) Bean, Ben and Mia Fleming,
3 Amanda Madai, and Aubrie (Kevin) Thompson; and his
4 great-grandchildren, Josephine and Isabelle Bean and Aurora
5 Thompson; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
8 family and friends, mourn the passing of Charles D. Sandford,
9 and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and
10 all who knew and loved him; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Charles Sandford as an expression of
13 our deepest sympathy.