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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 Burton D. Cohen, who passed away on March 4, 2017 at the age of 77; and

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WHEREAS, Burton Cohen graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology and earned a Juris Doctorate from Northwestern University; and

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WHEREAS, Burton Cohen spent 35 years at McDonald's Corporation; he retired as Sr. Vice-President and Chief Franchising Officer, where he oversaw McDonald's franchising activities worldwide and helped the company grow into the Fortune 500; and

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WHEREAS, In his retirement years, Burton Cohen kept busy as the founder of Burton D. Cohen & Associates; he served on the boards of many firms including The Learning Experience and The Dwyer Group; he co-authored and taught Strategic Franchising as a faculty member at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University; the wildly popular course, which he taught for 15 years, became the gold standard in business school curricula; and

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WHEREAS, Burton Cohen was an avid tennis player, biker, and

1 golfer; he enjoyed travel and photography, taking his camera to
2 six continents; he loved to cook, listen to jazz, opera, and
3 classical music, and spend time with his family; and

4 WHEREAS, Burton Cohen is survived by his wife of 48 years,
5 Linda; his children, David (Kristin) and Jordana (Richard); and
6 his grandchildren, Jonah, Theodore, and Florence; therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Burton D. Cohen, and extend our sincere condolences to his
11 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Burton Cohen as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.