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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Michael Edward Pollock of Urbana, who
4 passed away on May 28, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Michael Pollock was born in Cleveland, Ohio on
6 June 5, 1949; he, his older sister, Betsy Lou, and the rest of
7 his family eventually landed in Highland Park; he graduated
8 from the University of Illinois in 1967 with majors in
9 political science and history, and where he was involved in the
10 civil rights and anti-war movements; and

11 WHEREAS, Michael Pollock married Renee and they spent 45
12 years together; they had two children, Elisabeth (Christian
13 Ray) and Henry, and two grandchildren, Gabriel and Tristan; and

14 WHEREAS, Michael Pollock was a co-owner of Record Service,
15 a mainstay of the alternative campus community, where he spent
16 27 years; he was an Urbana alderman for eight years, chairman
17 of the Urbana Plan Commission for 12 years, and board member
18 and president of the Eastern Illinois Foodbank; and

19 WHEREAS, Michael Pollock went back to school at Eastern
20 Illinois University, earning a teaching certificate and a
21 master's degree in history; he began his second career as a

1 social studies teacher at Urbana High School; he loved working
2 with students and introducing them to the world of critical
3 thinking and historical analysis; he wrote a class called
4 Modern American History through film and music; his room rocked
5 with music, often to the dismay of his colleagues; he was also
6 department head and the sponsor for the Gay-Straight Alliance;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Michael Pollock ran a mock election program,
9 registered voters, and had many students work as county
10 election judges to encourage their future involvement in civic
11 life; he also mentored many student teachers; and

12 WHEREAS, Michael Pollock enjoyed gardening, canning,
13 biking, reading, woodworking, and creating quirky idiomatic
14 art; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Michael Edward Pollock, and extend our sincere condolences to
18 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Michael Pollock as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.