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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 Joseph R. "Joe" Brown Jr. of Troy, who passed away on September 20, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Brown was born in Kansas City, Missouri to Joseph Ross and Elizabeth (Etter) Brown Sr.; he graduated from Pekin Community High School in 1967; he attended Tulane University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature in 1971; he then attended law school at the University of Illinois; he graduated and became licensed to practice law in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Following graduation, Joe Brown became an Assistant States Attorney in Edwardsville, where he handled many prosecuting assignments, including felony trials; he then worked for Paul E. Riley and J. William Lucco and became a partner in 1980; he practiced law in Edwardsville for 39 years with his great friend and partner, Bill Lucco; he was a member of the Illinois Bar Association, the Madison County Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association, the United States Supreme Court, the Illinois Supreme Court, and the United States District Court; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Brown was a member of St. Jerome Catholic

1 Church and the Knights of Columbus; in his free time, he  
2 enjoyed playing golf with the Thursday Night Golf League; he  
3 was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Fighting  
4 Illini; he will be remembered for his community service, his  
5 kind heart, and all of the special times he shared with his  
6 family and friends; and

7 WHEREAS, Joe Brown was preceded in death by his parents;  
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9 WHEREAS, Joe Brown is survived by his wife of 41 years,  
10 Patricia "Patty" (Holshouser) Brown; his daughter, Jennifer  
11 (Logan) Brown-Ridenour; his grandson, Lincoln Joseph Ridenour;  
12 his brothers, William (Holly) Brown, Dr. Daniel (Virginia  
13 Weiler) Brown; his sister, Kristen (Jerry) O'Conner; his  
14 mother-in-law, Dorothy Holshouser; his brothers-in-law, James  
15 (Colleen) Holshouser and Robert Holshouser; his nephews,  
16 Walter (Lynn) Brown, David (Caroline) O'Conner, Mark O'Conner,  
17 and Philip Brown; his nieces, Shawna (Abby) Holshouser, Jamie  
18 (Nick) Leidenfrost, Kate Holshouser; and his great-nieces and  
19 nephews, Leah Brown, Will Brown, Lexi Brown, Wesley O'Conner,  
20 Elinor O'Conner, Sierra Holshouser, and Alex Leidenfrost;  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Joseph R. "Joe" Brown Jr., and extend our sincere condolences  
2 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
3 it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Joe Brown as an expression of our  
6 deepest sympathy.