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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 Allen Frederick Bennett, who passed away on Wednesday, November 29, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Allen Frederick Bennett was born to the late Leo and Donna Bennett on August 29, 1943 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Allen Frederick Bennett earned a bachelor's degree in business commerce from the University of Illinois in 1965; he graduated law school from the University of Tennessee and received his Juris Doctor in 1967; and

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WHEREAS, Allen Frederick Bennett began his distinguished public service career in 1968, when he was elected State's Attorney of Moultrie County, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Allen Frederick Bennett, shortly thereafter, served as the Public Defender of Macon County before his election as State Representative from Decatur in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Allen Frederick Bennett also served as an Assistant Attorney General and later as a lobbyist for the Fraternal Order of Police, Trooper's Lodge #41 and Illinois

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1 Fraternal Order of Police, State Lodge; and

2 WHEREAS, Allen Frederick Bennett served the people of
3 Illinois by being one of the few to serve in all three branches
4 of Illinois Government: The General Assembly, Executive, and
5 Judiciary; and

6 WHEREAS, Allen Frederick Bennet practiced law privately in
7 Sullivan, Decatur, Springfield, and Shelbyville before being
8 elected Resident Circuit Judge of Shelby County, 4th Judicial
9 Circuit in 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, Allen Frederick Bennett was preceded in death by
11 his parents, Leo and Donna Bennett; and his sister, Suzie
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13 WHEREAS, Allen Frederick Bennett is survived by his wife,
14 Tina Bennett; his children, Tammera McClendon, Allen Bennett
15 II, and Trina Bedlington; his sisters, Katie (Byron) Cartwright
16 and Sally (James) Hooten; his eight grandchildren; his four
17 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 Allen Frederick Bennett and extend our sincere condolences to

1 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Allen Frederick Bennett as an
5 expression of our deepest sympathy and regards.