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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 Richard M. "Dick" Jaffee; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Jaffee graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Business in 1957; he received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 2001 and Rush University in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Jaffee earned his CPA certificate from the State of Illinois in 1957 and briefly worked in public accounting for the firm of Deloitte & Touche; in 1958, after serving as an officer in the United States Army, he joined the Oil-Dri Corporation of America; he assumed the role of president from his father and company founder, Nick Jaffee, in 1960, and became chief executive officer in 1962; under his stewardship, the company became a worldwide leader in the manufacturing of clay products, employing 800 people; he retired in 2001 but continued to serve as chairman of the board until his passing; and

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WHEREAS, From 2008 to 2013, Richard Jaffee served as chairman of the board of trustees of Rush University Medical Center and chairman of its executive committee; he chaired Rush's largest-ever capital campaign, ultimately raising over

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1 \$389 million; his legacy remains forever memorialized by the
2 new Rush University Center hospital dedicated in 2012; he was a
3 life trustee of the Illinois Institute of Technology, the
4 Museum of Science and Industry, and the Chicago History Museum;
5 he served on an SEC advisory committee on smaller public
6 companies and on an advisory committee to the Chicago Federal
7 Reserve; he also served as a director of Harris Bank until
8 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Jaffee was inducted into the Chicago
10 Business Hall of Fame and received the Making History Award;
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12 WHEREAS, Richard Jaffee was known to invest in the personal
13 stories of everyone around him, from cab drivers to the valets
14 at Rush; he loved to help people, usually by connecting them to
15 someone who could be of further assistance; and

16 WHEREAS, Richard Jaffee was the beloved husband of the late
17 Shirley Handmaker Jaffee to whom he was married for 60 years;
18 the loving father of Susan (David), Karen (Thomas), Nancy
19 (William), and Daniel (Heidi); the grandfather of Jennifer,
20 Michael, Kevin (Rebecca), Jimmy, Coley, Becca, Camille,
21 Jeffrey, Taylor, Elise, Claire, Joey, Jaqueline, and
22 Nathaniel; and loving brother to Robert (Phyllis); therefore,
23 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Richard M. "Dick" Jaffee, and extend our sincere condolences to
4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Richard Jaffee as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.