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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of former Illinois State Representative Tom 4 Berns, who passed away on February 19, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Rep. Berns graduated from the University of 6 Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Rep. Berns made his living as a civil engineer; 8 after college, he worked for local engineer Chuck Danner before 9 forming his own firm, Berns, Clancy and Associates, in 1975; 10 today, the business is regarded as one the premier engineering 11 and surveying firms in East Central Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, Rep. Berns was elected to the Illinois House of 13 Representatives in 2000 and served one term; and

14 WHEREAS, Rep. Berns served on the boards for numerous 15 organizations, including the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit 16 District, the Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation, the Urbana 17 Rotary, the Urbana Country Club, Clark-Lindsey Village, and the 18 Champaign County Forest Preserve Friends Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Berns is survived by his wife of 52 years,
Jeannie; two children; and four grandchildren; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL 2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of 3 former Illinois State Representative Tom Berns, and extend our 4 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew 5 and loved him; and be it further

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