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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of John C. Beck, who passed away on April
4 13, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, John Beck was born in Hays, Kansas to Robert and
6 Donna Beck on April 23, 1962; his family settled in Rockford in
7 1968; he graduated from Rockford West High School in 1980 and
8 from the University of Illinois in 1985 with a Bachelor of
9 Science in Economics; he met his future wife, Sandra, in 1985;
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WHEREAS, After graduating college, John Beck joined the
12 team at the Regional Access & Mobilization Project (RAMP); he
13 led RAMP through their first capital campaign, enabling them to
14 purchase their home on Market Street; his outreach and
15 connections with the City of Rockford, the Rockford Mass
16 Transit District, the Rockford Park District, Rockford
17 Chariots, and countless corporations and organizations were
18 immeasurable; he represented RAMP on numerous boards,
19 including the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in
20 Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, John Beck joined the Rockford Park District in
22 October of 2007 as the Project Manager for Arts and Events and

1 as the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Officer; and

2 WHEREAS, John Beck served as an alderperson for Rockford's
3 12th Ward for 19 years; he served in various capacities,
4 including as chair of the Finance & Personnel Committee and on
5 the Rockford Area Arts Council, combining his love of service
6 with his love of the arts; and

7 WHEREAS, John Beck had a passion for working with others
8 from all backgrounds through many events and programs,
9 including the annual Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition, the
10 Festival of Lights, and Music in the Park; and

11 WHEREAS, John Beck was a founding member of the Rockford
12 Chariots Wheelchair Athletic Association; he helped form an
13 adult wheelchair basketball team, which inspired the
14 development of a junior wheelchair basketball team with the
15 Rockford Park District; and

16 WHEREAS, John Beck believed every person that RAMP served
17 deserved an equal opportunity and strove to level the playing
18 field for all people with disabilities; he was courageous,
19 compassionate, thoughtful, and a good listener; and

20 WHEREAS, John Beck is survived by his wife, Sandra; his
21 father, Robert Beck; his mother, Donna Beck; and his sisters,

1 Ann (Dave) Waggoner, Mary (Kevin) Flack, and Susan (David);
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 John C. Beck and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
6 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of John Beck as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.