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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 James N. Urhausen of St. Charles, who passed away on December 2, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, James Urhausen was born in Berwyn to Jack and Florence Urhausen on October 6, 1943; he grew up in Hinsdale and worked his way through high school and college, often maintaining multiple jobs, including caddy, busboy, service station attendant, cashier, and dance instructor for Arthur Murray; he graduated from St. Procopius College in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; and

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WHEREAS, James Urhausen was a well-known and accomplished man and was involved in the City of St. Charles in multiple positions, including 25 years as fire and police commissioner; over four decades, he sat on numerous community boards while owning and running a very successful construction and consulting business for many years; he became a trained emergency medical technician and auxiliary policeman for the Village of Hinsdale; he went on to teach Comparative Government and American Constitutional History at Nazareth Academy in LaGrange Park before joining the Village of Hinsdale as Assistant Village Manager; and

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1 WHEREAS, James Urhausen was appointed as the first Village
2 Manager for the Village of Oak Brook in 1969 at the age of 26;
3 during his tenure, he oversaw much of the development that led
4 Oak Brook to become the Illinois suburban hub for commerce and
5 development that it is today; after four years in that role, he
6 moved into the private sector, first joining the Collins
7 Development Corporation in 1973 as Vice-President, followed by
8 Westway Construction in 1980 as Executive Vice-President; the
9 remainder of his career was spent as President and CEO of the
10 firm from 1984 to 2003, where he oversaw the development of
11 more than 1,500 homes in the Fox Valley, and led the company to
12 becoming one of the largest home builders in Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, In retirement, James Urhausen continued to dabble
14 in real estate projects as an advisor and consultant to many of
15 the Northwestern Illinois developments; throughout his career,
16 he was directly responsible for the annexation, zoning, and
17 development of almost 4,000 acres of property in Kane, Kendall,
18 and DuPage Counties; and

19 WHEREAS, James Urhausen was the past Chairman of the
20 Glenwood School for Boys and Girls, past President of the
21 Neighborhood Improvement Association, a member of the St.
22 Charles 708 Community Mental Health Board, and Director of the
23 Delnor-Community Health Care System; the 25 years he gave to
24 the City of St. Charles as Chairman of the Board of Fire and

1 Police Commissioners was particularly close to his heart; and

2 WHEREAS, James Urhausen was preceded in death by his
3 parents; and

4 WHEREAS, James Urhausen is survived by his children,
5 Kristen Anne (James) Kummerer, James "Jim" (Becky) Urhausen
6 III, Brad Urhausen, and Samantha (Grant) Montgomery; his
7 grandchildren, Tyler and Weston Urhausen; his brothers,
8 William (Sodi), Steve (Debbie), and David (Diane); his sisters,
9 Jeanne (John) Milito, Marianne (Bruce) Zolna, and Joanne (Jack)
10 Schubert; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 James N. Urhausen, and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of James Urhausen as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.