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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 Robert Steven "Steve" Sonnemaker of West Peoria, who passed away on June 14, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Sonnemaker was born in Pekin on June 30 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Sonnemaker served Peoria County faithfully for 38 years; he was elected Peoria County Clerk in 2006, a position he held at the time of his passing; he previously served as Peoria County Auditor from 1984 until 2006 and as a County Board member from 1980 until 1984; prior to his election as County Auditor, he worked as a cemetery auditor with the Office of the Comptroller; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Sonnemaker served as a Member of the Hollis Park Board and as a Timber-Hollis Volunteer Firefighter; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Sonnemaker was president of the Illinois Association of County Auditors, president of the Illinois Association of County Officials, chairman of the World Wars 1 and II Veterans Memorial Committee, where he played a role in the dedication of the memorial in 2007, and chairman of the Veterans Memorial Committee, where he played a role in honoring

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1 the fallen since the Korean War and the dedication of the
2 memorial in 2018; he served as a board trustee of the Illinois
3 Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF); he was a member of the
4 Kiwanis Club, the Friends of Fatherless Boys, the Salvation
5 Army, and the Southside Mission; currently, he served on the
6 American Gold Star Families Board of Directors; he served
7 Peoria County with honor and distinction; he will be remembered
8 as a great friend who was passionate about honoring America's
9 veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, Steve Sonnemaker was preceded in death by his
11 adoptive parents, Francis and Laura Sonnemaker; therefore, be
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13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Robert Steven "Steve" Sonnemaker and extend our sincere
16 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
17 him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Steve Sonnemaker as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.