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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Mike Bass on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Illinois System; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Bass received his bachelor's degree in political science and his Master of Business Administration, both from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC); during his time at UIUC, he earned membership on the All-Century football team and the 1980s All-Decade football team for the Fighting Illini; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Bass had a long and successful career in service to the people of the State of Illinois; he served in the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, known then as the Bureau of the Budget; he then joined the Illinois Senate Republican staff, serving as a staffer on the Senate Appropriations Committee; he left to work as a budget director for the Illinois Department of Public Aid before returning to the Senate Republican Staff as the appropriations director, where he oversaw the appropriations staff and staffed the Senate Appropriations Committees; and

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WHEREAS, During his decade as appropriations director, Mike Bass became known as one of the top experts on the state

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1 budget and state financial matters; his opinion on budget and  
2 policy matters was often sought by elected officials,  
3 legislative leaders, and governors; for most of his tenure, he  
4 served with the Illinois Senate majority and oversaw many  
5 budget negotiations and the drafting of multiple state  
6 budgets; and

7       WHEREAS, Mike Bass returned to the University of Illinois  
8 to serve as an executive in the administrative offices in  
9 2001; during his career within the University of Illinois  
10 System, he served as a leader in the Office of Business and  
11 Financial Services organization, holding such positions as  
12 assistant vice president for External Affairs, executive  
13 assistant vice president for Operations and External  
14 Relations, executive assistant vice president for the Office  
15 of Business and Financial Services, senior associate vice  
16 president for Capital Programs and Real Estate Services, and  
17 the senior associate vice president for Business and Finance  
18 and Deputy Comptroller; for a brief time, he also served as the  
19 interim executive director designate for Governmental  
20 Relations, utilizing his vast experience in state government;  
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22       WHEREAS, Mike Bass concluded his career within the  
23 University of Illinois System as the special advisor to the  
24 president and deputy comptroller; in this role, he also led

1 procurement, diversity, and legislative initiatives; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Mike Bass was  
3 noted for his exemplary leadership in business and financial  
4 services, governmental relations, and procurement diversity,  
5 driving innovative solutions and systems to enhance the  
6 services and value of the University of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike Bass is an avid fan and supporter of all  
8 Illini sports and a long-time contributor and season ticket  
9 holder for basketball and football; and

10 WHEREAS, Above all, Mike Bass cherishes his roles of being  
11 a husband to his wife, Mona, and a father to his child, Tucker;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Mike  
15 Bass on his retirement from the University of Illinois System,  
16 thank him for his service to the State of Illinois and the  
17 University of Illinois, and wish him the best in his future  
18 endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Mike Bass as an expression of our esteem and  
21 respect.