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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Todd Sieben has represented the citizens of
3 northwestern Illinois with distinction in the General Assembly
4 for more than 21 years; and

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WHEREAS, He has served with honor in the Senate since 1993,
6 after three terms in the House of Representatives; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Sieben's priorities have always been
8 those of the people he represents - agriculture, education,
9 business development, and job creation; and

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WHEREAS, Todd became a lawmaker to make the State of
11 Illinois a better place to live, bringing State government from
12 the marble halls of the Capitol back home to the communities of
13 northwestern Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, His deep concern for the welfare and safety of
15 school children resulted in his sponsorship of such important
16 measures as a law requiring school buses to have safety arms on
17 the front bumper; and legislation that would spotlight
18 outstanding teachers and provide the best educational support
19 for students; and

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WHEREAS, He has sponsored laws protecting the rights and

1 privacy of individuals, including the recent law establishing a
2 statewide Restricted Call Registry for consumers; and

3 WHEREAS, He has always recognized the need to balance the
4 best interests of the public and the conflicting views of all
5 parties, as seen in his sponsorship of legislation that
6 regulates large livestock production facilities, and in his
7 continued work to balance the needs of the agriculture
8 community with the concerns of environmental organizations;
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10 WHEREAS, He has always been a strong supporter of the
11 agriculture economy, sponsoring a law encouraging the use of
12 ethanol through the sales tax credit, protecting the CFAR
13 agricultural research program and preserving the State's
14 equine industries; and

15 WHEREAS, He served as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture
16 and Conservation Committee from 1997 through 2002, helping to
17 guide public policy that impacted farming, agriculture related
18 businesses, and conservation issues; and

19 WHEREAS, He was selected to serve as Assistant Senate
20 Republican Leader in 2003; and

21 WHEREAS, In the Senate, he most recently served as

1 Republican Spokesman of the Senate Housing and Community
2 Affairs Committee; as a member of the Senate Agriculture and
3 Conservation Committee, the Senate Executive Committee, the
4 Senate Insurance Committee and the Senate Labor Committee; as
5 Co-chairman of the Legislative Information System; as
6 Co-chairman of the Illinois Legislative Sportsman's Caucus;
7 and as the first Chairman of the Legislative Ethics Commission;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, A number of local and State organizations have
10 honored Todd Sieben for his efforts in the General Assembly,
11 including the Northwestern Region of the Illinois Association
12 of School Administrators, Illinois Association of Park
13 Districts, Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Electrical
14 Cooperatives, Illinois Manufacturers' Association, National
15 Federation of Independent Business, Illinois Chamber of
16 Commerce, Township Officials of Illinois, Illinois Education
17 Association, Management Association of Illinois, Illinois
18 Small Business Association, and the Illinois Association of
19 Rehabilitation Facilities; and

20 WHEREAS, Todd Sieben has been involved in many civic
21 organizations, including the Geneseo Jaycees, Geneseo American
22 Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Geneseo Rotary Club,
23 Geneseo Park District, Henry County Extension Council, Henry
24 County Farm Bureau, and the Geneseo Masonic Lodge; and

1 WHEREAS, He has served as a coach for youth football,
2 basketball, and baseball; and

3 WHEREAS, He has served as a director of Central Bank
4 Geneseo since 1980; and

5 WHEREAS, He is a member of Grace United Methodist Church;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, He was born July 11, 1945, and graduated from
8 Geneseo public schools; and

9 WHEREAS, He earned a bachelor's degree in business
10 administration from Western Illinois University; and

11 WHEREAS, He is a Vietnam veteran and served as a lieutenant
12 in the United States Navy from 1968 to 1972; and

13 WHEREAS, He and his wife, Kay, have been married since
14 1968, and have three children and seven grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, In his more than 21 years as a lawmaker, Todd
16 Sieben has represented his constituents in Springfield with
17 determination and class, earning the respect and admiration of
18 his colleagues on both sides of the aisle; and

1 WHEREAS, Lawmakers and staff alike know and appreciate
2 Senator Sieben for his warmth, his kindness, and his easy
3 smile; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Todd
6 Sieben on his retirement from the Illinois General Assembly
7 after more than 21 years of honorable and dedicated service;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and
10 resolution be presented to Todd Sieben with our friendship, our
11 gratitude for his hard work, and our best wishes for his future
12 endeavors.