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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 Peter C. Taylor of Chillicothe, who passed away on March 23, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Taylor was born on October 22, 1956, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Nathaniel Taylor, Jr. and Rebecca Wilkins Taylor; he married his wife, Gretchen, 20 years ago; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Taylor was baptized at the Great King David Church in Baton Rouge; he graduated from Southern University in Baton Rouge; he was a lifetime member of the Scotlandville High School and Southern University Marching Bands; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Taylor was recruited by Caterpillar directly upon graduation and that brought him to Central Illinois; he continued to be employed at Caterpillar; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Taylor was admired and loved by all; he was fondly known as "Uncle Pete" by children young and old; he would often say that while he and Gretchen had no children of their own, they had lots of children through his family, both blood and chosen; he loved to fish, smoke his cigars, and drink coffee at Starbucks; he was known far and wide for his "magic

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1 vest"; and

2 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his father; his
3 sister, L. Joyce Taylor-Hayes; his grandfather and namesake,
4 Peter Wilkins; and his grandparents, Nathaniel and Geneva
5 Taylor; and

6 WHEREAS, Peter Taylor is survived by his wife, Gretchen;
7 his mother Rebecca Taylor; his sister, Marie Terry-Harris
8 (Michael); brother, Nathaniel Taylor III; his sister-in-law,
9 Marianne Stipe (Marty); his mother-in-law, Jacqueline Righter;
10 his nephew, Eric Stipe; his nieces, Anna Stipe, Natalie Estelle
11 (Anthony), Mikelle Harris, Corey St. Michael (Cameron), Annie
12 Cunningham; great-nephew, Calvin St. Michael; and aunts,
13 Sylvia Washington and Rita Wilson; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that that we mourn, along
16 with his family and friends, the passing of Peter Taylor; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Peter Taylor as a symbol of our
20 sincere sympathy.