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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 George J. Kottemann of Peoria, who passed away on June 1, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, George Kottemann married Norma Rodems on June 29, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, George Kottemann practiced orthodontics in Peoria for 34 years; after he retired, he had a second career in forensic dentistry and served with DMORT (Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams) to identify disaster victims, including several weeks in New York City after 9/11; and

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WHEREAS, George Kottemann held leadership roles in a number of Peoria civic groups, including the Peoria Art Guild and Easter Seals; with his wife, he helped establish the Kottemann Gallery of Dentistry at the University of Illinois-Chicago Dental School and the sculpture studio at Bradley University's Heuser Hall; he led alumni activities at Peoria High School and the University of Illinois; he was instrumental in fundraising and planning for the sculpture "Portal", recently erected on Washington Street in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, George Kottemann and his wife traveled

1 extensively, often to places that allowed them to indulge in  
2 their love of contemporary art; and

3 WHEREAS, George Kottemann was preceded in death by his  
4 parents, Freda and William H. Kottemann, and his brother,  
5 William P. Kottemann; and

6 WHEREAS, George Kottemann is survived by his wife, Norma;  
7 his 2 children, Kathy (Jim) Wire and Karl (Suzi) Kottemann; his  
8 5 grandchildren, Philip (Chelsea) Wire, Kara (Roi)  
9 Castellanos, Patty (Allan) Thompson, Kristin Kottemann, and  
10 Leslie (Patrick) Spellman; his great-granddaughter; and his  
11 sister, Dorothy Westly; therefore, be it

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

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of George Kottemann as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.