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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 Dr. Arthur J. "Art" Siedler of Champaign, who passed away on June 12, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Siedler was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 17, 1927 to Arthur William and Margaret (nee Stadler) Siedler; he served with the United States Coast Guard from 1945 to 1946 on the USS General W.H. Gordon (AP-117); he was awarded American and Asiatic Theater ribbons; he received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin in 1951, a Master of Science from the University of Chicago in 1956, and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago in 1959; he married Doris Jean Rose in St. Petersburg, Florida on February 23, 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Siedler was chief of the Division of Biochemistry and Nutrition at the American Meat Institute Foundation in Chicago from 1959 to 1964; a group leader at the Norwich (New York) Pharmaceutical Company from 1964 to 1965; chief of the Physiology Section from 1965 to 1969; and chief of the Biochemistry Section from 1969 to 1972; he then moved on to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he became acting director of the Division of Nutritional Science from 1978 to 1981; head of the Department of Food Science from 1972

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1 to 1989; professor of Food Science, Internal Medicine and
2 Nutritional Science from 1972 to 1994; and professor emeritus
3 since 1994; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Siedler was elected as Fellow of IFT
5 (Institute of Food Technologists) and was awarded the
6 Chairman's Service Award from the Chicago Section of IFT; he
7 also was Chair of the Committee on Food Stability for the
8 Natick Labs for the Department of Defense; he was the 1959
9 National Livestock and Meat Board Grantee and the 1960 National
10 Institute of Health Research Grantee; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Siedler enjoyed a good party, bloodies and
12 Manhattans, and beer; he loved the Fighting Illini and enjoyed
13 gardening and making homemade salsa; he loved good eats,
14 fishing, and a good cigar; he made frequent trips to Alaska to
15 fish for salmon with his son, Bill; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Siedler was preceded in death by his sister,
17 Doris Weinauer, and his step-son, Rick Rose; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Siedler is survived by his wife, Doris; his
19 son, Bill Siedler (Genie); his daughter, Nancy Wilhite; his
20 daughter, Sandy Goodner (Joe); his step-daughter, Roxanne
21 (Craig) Butler; his step-son, Randy Rose; his 12 grandchildren;
22 his 11 great-grandchildren; his nephews and nieces; and

1 countless friends and former colleagues; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Dr. Arthur J. "Art" Siedler, and extend our sincere condolences
5 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Dr. Siedler as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.