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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 A. D. Van Meter of Springfield, who passed away on June 28, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, A. D. Van Meter was born on May 16, 1922 to A. D. and Edith (nee Graham) Van Meter; he graduated 2 years early from Williamsville High School and served in the United States Merchant Marine during World War II; he married Margaret Schlipf on December 1, 1956; and

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WHEREAS, A. D. Van Meter graduated from King's Point College in 1946 and Northwestern University Law School in 1948; he returned to Springfield to practice law with his law school seat-mate and close friend, Robert Oxtoby, first as "Van Meter and Oxtoby" and later as "Van Meter, Oxtoby and Funk" from 1949 to 2001; in 1963, he moved from the active practice of law to the field of banking, serving as Vice-President, President, and Chairman of the original Illinois National Bank of Springfield until 1990, and thereafter as a Director of Midwest Financial Group, Inc. until 1993; as a banker, he campaigned actively for the reform of Illinois' banking laws to permit branch banks and cash machines; and

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WHEREAS, A. D. Van Meter served as a Chairman of the United

1 Way Planning Committee, Director of Memorial Medical Center,
2 member of the first elected board chartered to study the
3 construction of a Springfield Convention Center, Director of
4 the Illinois Board of Investment (1968-72), Chairman of the
5 State of Illinois' National Bicentennial Commission (1975-76),
6 Chairman of the Illinois Housing Development Authority
7 (1977-2003), and Trustee or Chairman of the Southern Illinois
8 University Board of Trustees (1989-2001); and

9 WHEREAS, A. D. Van Meter played the piano and organ, held a
10 deep knowledge of classical music, appreciated modern
11 architecture, read widely, loved tulips and geraniums, and
12 enjoyed traveling with his family; in his later years, he
13 produced digital movies that are now a family treasure; he was
14 affectionately known to many as "Van"; and

15 WHEREAS, A. D. Van Meter was preceded in death by his
16 parents; his brother, Charlie Carol Van Meter; and his sister,
17 Dorthy Van Meter Sauers; and

18 WHEREAS, A. D. Van Meter is survived by his wife, Margaret;
19 his son, Andy; his daughters, Alice (Matt) Wolfe and Ann Van
20 Meter Mohn; and his 4 grandchildren, Matt and Will Wolfe and
21 Samantha and Libby Mohn; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 A. D. Van Meter, and extend our sincere condolences to his
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of A. D. Van Meter as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.