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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 Richard Carl "Dick" Schwarz of Peoria, who passed away on October 15, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Schwarz was born in Ashtabula, Ohio on September 4, 1937 to Harold and Laura (nee Bratton) Schwarz; he was valedictorian of his class in Edgewood High School, where he excelled in high school sports and held the county records in high jump and high hurdles for many years; he graduated from Kent State University, majoring in geology and was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity; he married Myrna Wilson on November 14, 1964 at Highland Presbyterian Church in Street, Maryland; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Schwarz was employed by American Water Works Company, Inc., where he worked for 7 subsidiary companies in 4 states over his 38-year career, ending in Peoria, where he retired as manager of the Northern Division of Illinois American Water Company in 1999; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Schwarz was a Rotarian for 38 years, 10 years in Belleville, where he served as President, and 28 years with the Peoria Downtown Rotary; he was Chairman of the Board for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Board for Belleville-Fairview Heights Junior Achievement; he

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1 is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and received the Louis B.
2 Neumiller Founders Award for Junior Achievement of Central
3 Illinois in Peoria; and

4 WHEREAS, Dick Schwarz loved the outdoors and enjoyed
5 hunting, fishing, boating, walking in the woods, picking morel
6 mushrooms, and practicing amateur taxidermy; he was a member of
7 United Presbyterian Church in Peoria, where he served as a
8 deacon; he is a member of his high school Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, Dick Schwarz was preceded in death by his parents;
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11 WHEREAS, Dick Schwarz is survived by his wife of 50 years,
12 Myrna; his 2 sons, Richard "Rick", Jr. (Jody) and Cyril "Cy"
13 (Karolee); his 3 grandchildren, Justin, Kaitlyn, and Matthew
14 Schwarz; his brother, Robert (Mary); his 7 nephews; and his
15 niece; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Richard Carl "Dick" Schwarz, and extend our sincere condolences
19 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Dick Schwarz as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.