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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 James Robert Benson, who passed away on April 10, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, James Benson was born on June 16, 1947 in Bloomington; his parents were John and Martha "Sunny" Benson; he married Mary Gushwa on July 21, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, James Benson completed his law degree at the University of Illinois; he subsequently served as the State's Attorney in Ford County for 11 years and later as an appellate attorney on the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's staff; and

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WHEREAS, As a young man, James Benson earned his Life Guard Certificate and his private pilot license; he enjoyed teaching his nephews the strategies of chess, the art of archery, and the patience of fishing; he also had an insatiable appetite for books; and

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WHEREAS, As a United Methodist lay speaker, James Benson led the worship services at the Eunice Smith Nursing Home once a month; and

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1 WHEREAS, James Benson is survived by his wife, Mary Benson;
2 his sister, Lucinda Benson Vriner; and his brothers, Charles
3 Benson and Edward Benson; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
6 family and friends, mourn the passing of James Robert Benson;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of James Benson as an expression of our
10 sympathy.