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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 Glen Barton of Peoria, who passed away on October 24, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Glen Barton was born on August 20, 1939 in Alton, Missouri; his parents were Albert Lee and Jessie Eugenia Smith-Barton; he married Phyllis "Polly" Hayes on July 30, 1993 in Vista, California; and

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WHEREAS, Glen Barton earned his civil engineering degree from the University of Missouri in 1961; and

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WHEREAS, After college, Glen Barton began his career at Caterpillar, where he worked until his retirement as Chairman and CEO in 2004; as Chairman and CEO, he led Caterpillar to focus on safety and was a driving force of Six Sigma, which focused on improvement to product quality and customer satisfaction; he was instrumental in the creation of the National Mining Association; he was also a tireless champion for education and supported the formation of "Common Ground", Caterpillar's educational program created for school children; and

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WHEREAS, Glen Barton was an inductee into the Order of the

1 British Empire; he was inducted into the National Mining Hall
2 of Fame and was awarded the Robert Michel Award for Lifetime
3 Achievement by the Creve Coeur Club; he was also nominated as a
4 Local Legend and was awarded the University of Missouri Honor
5 Award for Distinguished Service in Engineering in 1999; and

6 WHEREAS, Glen Barton was a member of the Bradley Board of
7 Trustees for two terms and served as Chairman of the Board from
8 2000 to 2002; he served on the Eureka College Board; he served
9 as President of the export council (GWB) from 2005 to 2006 and
10 was a board member for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality
11 Award; he participated in the American Mining Association Board
12 of Directors; he was a member of the Business Roundtable and
13 Business Council; he served as Chairman of CONEXPO/MINEXPO for
14 over 10 years; he served as Chair of the Manufacturer's
15 Association (CIMA) and the National Mining Association; he also
16 chaired the Capital Campaign for the Red Cross, co-chaired the
17 Capital Campaign for WTVP, and was the Founding Director of
18 Quest Charter Academy; and

19 WHEREAS, Glen Barton truly believed in and was committed to
20 the Peoria community, especially in education, recreation, and
21 the arts; he was a major advocate for health care charities and
22 donated to many major local infrastructures, including the
23 local Red Cross Chapter building, the WTVP Digital Conversion
24 and their new building, the Riverfront Museum, Glen Oak Park,

1 African charities, the Barton Pavilion and Children's
2 Playhouse, OSF Hospice, UNICOMP Cancer Center, Pere Marquette
3 Hotel, and River Trails Apartments; and

4 WHEREAS, Glen Barton was preceded in death by his parents;
5 his brother, C. Dean Barton; and his grandchild, Tanner; and

6 WHEREAS, Glen Barton is survived by his wife, Polly; his
7 children, Jennifer (Brian) Dieter, Jeffery (Susan) Barton,
8 Angela Hamernik, and Amy (Tim) Samons; his grandchildren,
9 Rachel, Abby, Noah, George, Madison, Parker, Morgan, Tyler, and
10 Brady; his sister, JoAnne Barton; and his brother, Howard Earl
11 (Judy) Barton; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
14 family and friends, mourn the passing of Glen Barton; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Glen Barton as an expression of our
18 sympathy.