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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Daniel M.  
4 Brewbaker, who passed away on May 14, 2017; and

5           WHEREAS, Daniel Brewbaker was born in Elgin to Daniel M.  
6 and Ruth C. Brewbaker in 1951; he graduated from Elgin High  
7 School, where he was elected president of the senior class; he  
8 studied at the University of Illinois and earned his master's  
9 and doctorate degrees from The Juilliard School; and

10           WHEREAS, As Daniel Brewbaker began his career as a  
11 composer, he was also active as an educator, serving on the  
12 faculties of The Juilliard School, Hunter College, Queens  
13 Colleges, and the Westminster Choir College; he also studied in  
14 Rome and other major European musical centers; and

15           WHEREAS, Daniel Brewbaker's first composition, Psalm 39,  
16 premiered in 1970 at the University of Illinois, beginning a  
17 body of work that grew to nearly 60 works, establishing him as  
18 an important voice among contemporary American composers; and

19           WHEREAS, In 1995, Daniel Brewbaker's Concerto for Cello, La  
20 Serenissima, premiered by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra; in  
21 1999, the final movement of the concerto was performed by

1 cellist YoYo Ma at a gala concert by the Elgin Symphony  
2 Orchestra, a special recognition for the composer in his  
3 hometown; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1999, Daniel Brewbaker received the  
5 distinction of being the first American composer invited to  
6 compose a work for the legendary Kirov Orchestra and Chorus in  
7 St. Petersburg, Russia; his composition, The Poet, received its  
8 premiere at the White Nights Festival in June of 1999; his  
9 choral work, Cincinnatus Psalm, was performed in 2000 by the  
10 Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Chorus at the century old May  
11 Music Festival in Cincinnati; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2004, Daniel Brewbaker received a commission to  
13 write a violin concerto for the Russian violinist Vadim Repin,  
14 one of the world's leading virtuosos; it was performed by the  
15 Repin and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at the American  
16 Symphony Orchestra League convention in Washington, D. C. in  
17 2005; and

18 WHEREAS, Daniel Brewbaker had a close working relationship  
19 with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra; he received a commission  
20 for a string quartet to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the  
21 Juilliard School, and performed numerous times in Dublin,  
22 Ireland, a reflection of his lifelong love of Irish culture and  
23 folk music; and

1           WHEREAS, Among the many awards that Daniel Brewbaker  
2 received were the Nadia Boulanger Award at the Ecole des Artes  
3 Americaines in Fontainebleau, first prize in the Lilli  
4 Boulanger International Music Competition in Paris, and an Ives  
5 Fellowship from the American Academy of Arts and Letters; in  
6 1988 and 1994, he was composer-in-residence at the Camargo  
7 Foundation in France; in 1997, he served in that capacity at  
8 the Spoleto U.S.A. festival in Charleston, South Carolina; for  
9 many years he was a Fellow at Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, New  
10 York; he was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, the International  
11 Music Fraternity; and

12           WHEREAS, Daniel Brewbaker maintained a close connection  
13 with his roots in the Fox Valley and Chicago area; he was  
14 inducted into the Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame in 2006 and  
15 composed frequently for local musical groups, including the  
16 Elgin Symphony Orchestra, the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra,  
17 the DuPage Chorale, and the Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus Anima;  
18 in 2003, he composed Psalm 51 for the 100th anniversary of Holy  
19 Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin, where his family had been  
20 lifelong members; he was inducted into the Elgin High School  
21 Alumni Hall of Fame in 2016; and

22           WHEREAS, Daniel Brewbaker was preceded in death by his  
23 parents; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 mourn the passing of Daniel M. Brewbaker, and extend our  
4 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
5 and loved him; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Daniel Brewbaker as an expression of  
8 our deepest sympathy.