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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 Thomas E. "Tom" Keating of Streamwood, who passed away on December 17, 2016 at the age of 53; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Keating was born in Chicago to Thomas J. and Carole (Gildea) Keating on March 13, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Keating, a 30-year resident of Streamwood, was first elected to the Streamwood Park District Board in 2001; he was re-elected in 2005, 2009, and 2013; he served 16 years as President, and was most recently serving as Vice President; during his time at the Board, he was the initiator of the District's; "SPDCares" vision; he brought his financial expertise as a certified public accountant to the board, and he took a leadership role in developing its 15-year capital improvement plan, which was made possible by frugal spending and careful planning; and

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WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Thomas Keating, the Streamwood Park District twice earned the Illinois Distinguished Agency designation for professional and quality policies, practices, and administration; the District twice earned the AA- Bond Rating from Standard & Poor's for financial planning, management, and stability; in 2015, he was recognized

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1 by the Illinois Association of Park Districts for his 15 years  
2 of service; and

3 WHEREAS, Thomas Keating was described as a "kid at heart"  
4 who "knew the value of play and wanted the community to have a  
5 chance to play and have fun", and will be long remembered for  
6 his "compassion, humor, and love of proofreading"; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas Keating was the beloved husband and high  
8 school sweetheart of Diane (Smentek); the loving father of  
9 Alex, Austin, Riley, and the late Ryan; the cherished son of  
10 Thomas J. and Carole (Gildea); the caring brother of Darlene  
11 (Brian) McDermott, Kathy (Jeff) Jarr, Kim (Dave) Ehrhardt, Lori  
12 (Michael) Brosman, and Michael (Cecille); and the fond uncle to  
13 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Thomas E. "Tom" Keating, and extend our sincere condolences to  
17 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Thomas Keating as an expression of  
21 our deepest sympathy.