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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Illinois Senate that distinguished lobbyist Richard "Dick" Lockhart has recently announced that he will be retiring at the end of this session after 59 years as a registered lobbyist; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart was born in Lima, Ohio on January 20, 1924; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart enlisted in the United States Army in 1943; during his time in the service he was held as a prisoner of war in 1945, and as a result of his bravery and selflessness, he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman Badge; he was honorably discharged from service on December 12, 1945; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart returned to Chicago and continued his education at Northwestern University Evening School in 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart married Dorothy Phelps in 1948 and together they raised two children, Lisa and David; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart pursued a career focused on politics, forming a lobbying and consulting firm, Social

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1 Engineering Associates in 1958; he published a nonpartisan
2 newsletter, "The Illinois Political Reporter" beginning in
3 1961 until 1986; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart was named as one of the "10 Best
5 Lobbyists in Illinois" by the Chicago Sun-Times; he served as a
6 special consultant to the President of the Constitutional
7 Convention in 1970, as speaker of the Illinois Third House in
8 1981, and in 2004, he was the recipient of the Illinois Third
9 House Lifetime Achievement Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart has authored numerous works,
11 including, "The Legislative Process and the Pursuit of Virtue",
12 "Words Wise and Otherwise", and "Lockhart Logic", as well as
13 compiling a World War II memoir in which he eagerly shares his
14 vast knowledge with friends and strangers alike; and

15 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart has, throughout his lifetime,
16 given generously to support the United States Holocaust
17 Memorial Museum, the Illinois State Library, and the Allen
18 County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and

19 WHEREAS, Richard Lockhart has admirably served numerous
20 clients over his career including: the Illinois Credit Union
21 League, the Illinois Mental Health Association, the Illinois
22 School Psychologists Association, the Condominium Association

1 of Chicago, the Retired Chicago Teachers Association, the State
2 University Annuitants Association, and many other groups; and

3 WHEREAS, Upon retirement, Richard Lockhart plans to write a
4 civics guide on lobbying and the legislative process;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we hereby extend our
8 best wishes to Richard "Dick" Lockhart on the occasion of his
9 retirement and commend him for his years of dedication to the
10 people of the State of Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we declare December 31, 2017 as "Richard
12 "Dick" Lockhart Day" in the State of Illinois; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Richard Lockhart as an expression of our esteem
16 and respect.