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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 Jon Clark Baxter of Decatur, who passed away on September 11, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Jon Baxter was born in Goshen, Indiana to Dr. Edgar and Mrs. Neola Baxter on May 3, 1940; he graduated from Goshen High School in 1958 and earned a Bachelor of Science in History from Indiana University in 1962; he continued to study at Indiana University and earned a Juris Doctor in 1967; and

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WHEREAS, Jon Baxter began his practice of law in the probate department of a Chicago bank; he then joined the State's Attorney's Office in Macon County and began a career in criminal law that spanned over 40 years; he left the position of First Assistant at the State's Attorney's Office and went into private practice as a criminal defense attorney and part-time public defender; he became the chief public defender and spent six years working tirelessly to gain much-needed resources for the office; his efforts earned him a commendation for promoting equitable compensation for the Public Defenders of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Jon Baxter retired from private practice and the Public Defender's Office in 2008; he was then appointed to the

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1 Macon County Board; he successfully ran for re-election several
2 times and remained a member of the board; he served on both the
3 finance and justice committees until his death; and

4 WHEREAS, Jon Baxter enjoyed classical music; he was a
5 voracious reader, a longtime runner, and a member of the YMCA;
6 he was a tireless cheerleader for Indiana basketball and
7 football; he was the man with the big laugh; and

8 WHEREAS, Jon Baxter was preceded in death by his parents;
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10 WHEREAS, Jon Baxter is survived by his wife and the love of
11 his life, Linda; his son Jon (Rachel) Baxter; his daughters,
12 Laura (Brian) Hawkins and Jennifer Haseley; his grandsons, Reid
13 and Ross Anderson, Ethan Baxter, Jackson Hawkins, Adam Baxter,
14 Ryan Pierce, and Jensen Hawkins; his brother, Tom Baxter; his
15 niece, Maria Baxter; and his nephew, Jack Baxter; therefore, be
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17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Jon Clark Baxter, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Jon Baxter as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.