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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Senator Daniel Biss has represented the people of
3 the 9th Senate District of Illinois since his election in 2012;
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5 WHEREAS, Senator Biss began his legislative career in the
6 Illinois House of Representatives in 2011, representing the
7 17th District; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Biss received an undergraduate degree in
9 mathematics from Harvard University, graduating summa cum
10 laude in 1998, and received a Ph.D. in mathematics from the
11 Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Biss was a professor of mathematics at the
13 University of Chicago from 2002 to 2008; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Biss dedicated his tenure in the General
15 Assembly to bettering the lives of working Illinois families
16 and furthering progressive causes; and

17 WHEREAS, As a stalwart advocate of Illinoisans in the face
18 of the complications posed by advances in technology, Senator
19 Biss successfully fought for protections from new
20 technologies, such as drones and GPS devices, and chaired the

1 State's Digital Divide Elimination Advisory Committee; and

2 WHEREAS, To ensure fairness for Illinois college students
3 in a time of growing student loan debt, Senator Biss passed the
4 Student Loan Bill of Rights; and

5 WHEREAS, To protect Illinois youths from provably
6 psychologically harmful practices, Senator Biss worked to ban
7 gay conversion therapy; and

8 WHEREAS, To protect gay individuals from violence, Senator
9 Biss helped make Illinois one of the first in the country to
10 ban "gay panic" as a defense in cases of murder and
11 manslaughter; and

12 WHEREAS, To create new opportunities for retiring citizens
13 to safely plan for their future and become one of the first
14 states to actively combat a looming retirement savings crisis,
15 Senator Biss created the Secure Choice Savings Program; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Biss was the Chair of the Senate Labor
17 Committee during the 100th General Assembly, the Chair of the
18 Senate Labor Committee during the 99th General Assembly, and
19 has served on the Senate Committees of Education, Human
20 Services, Environment and Conservation, Revenue, Executive
21 Appointments, Financial Institutions, Appropriations I, Higher

1 Education, Licensed Activity and Pensions, and Local
2 Government at various times throughout his Senate career; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Biss received the 2015 Alzheimer's
4 Association Illinois Legislator of the Year Award, the 2016
5 Richard J. Phelan Profile in Courage Award from Planned
6 Parenthood Illinois Action, the 2014 Community Investment
7 Award from the Woodstock Institute, and the 2012 John W.
8 Maitland Award from the Illinois Biotechnology Industry
9 Organization; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Biss currently lives in Evanston with his
11 wife, Karin, and their two children; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Biss' future endeavors will most
13 certainly bring about the changes our modern society needs; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Biss remains the only member of the
15 Illinois legislature confirmed to be capable of juggling
16 multiple flaming objects at once; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Biss' retirement from the Senate of the
18 State of Illinois will leave the Senate lacking his unique
19 insight into current affairs; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator Daniel
2 Biss for his years of service to the people of Illinois and
3 honor him with this resolution; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Senator Biss as a symbol of our gratitude and with
6 our best wishes for his future endeavors.