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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 Allen J. Oehlert of Chatham, who passed away on December 30, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Allen Oehlert was born on June 3, 1947, in Melrose Park; his parents were Walter J. and Dorothy Welch Oehlert; he married Sara Lamos on June 5, 1971; and

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WHEREAS, Allen Oehlert earned his master's degree in political science from Northern Illinois University in 1972 and his juris doctor from the Southern Illinois University School of Law in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Allen Oehlert served the people of the State of Illinois as an attorney and law librarian at the Legislative Reference Bureau from 2004 until his passing; prior to his service at LRB, he was a partner in the private practice of Lowenstein, Hagen, Oehlert, and Smith, P.C. from 1977 to 2000 and an administrative law judge with the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board from 2000 to 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Allen Oehlert was a member of the historic Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and formerly served as Vice President of the Congregation; he was also a former legal

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1 counsel for the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the
2 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a member of the
3 Illinois State Bar Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Allen Oehlert enjoyed cooking, gardening,
5 canoeing, and hiking; he was also an avid photographer and a
6 member of the Springfield Photography Club and the Studio on
7 6th Artist Co-op; and

8 WHEREAS, Allen Oehlert was preceded in death by his
9 parents; and

10 WHEREAS, Allen Oehlert is survived by his loving wife,
11 Sara; his wonderful children, Matthew (Amie) Oehlert,
12 Elizabeth (Vladimir) Avila, Emily (Aaron) Dufrene, and
13 Katherine (Phillip) Galloway; his grandchildren, Marcelina,
14 Gus, and Amelia Oehlert, Lucas Avila, Finn and Sophia Dufrene,
15 and Seraphina Galloway; his brother-in-law, Mark (Jerry Jones)
16 Lamos; and his beloved dogs, Burt and Madison; and

17 WHEREAS, Allen Oehlert will be remembered fondly by his
18 family and friends as a caring and generous man whose love of
19 life and great dedication to his family was evident to all;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
2 his family and friends, the passing of Allen J. Oehlert; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Allen Oehlert as an expression of
6 our sympathy.