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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Daniel Edward "Blu" Bluthardt; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Bluthardt was born on April 16, 1965, in Madison, Wisconsin, to Edward Earl Jr. and Diane Rose (Latoria) Bluthardt; he was raised in Schiller Park; in 1983, he graduated from East Leyden High School, where he played football and enjoyed playing in a rock band; he graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1987, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta; he married Carrie Larsen on May 13, 1995; and

11 WHEREAS, Daniel Bluthardt worked for many years in State 12 government and had been serving as a lobbyist the last few 13 years of his career; he worked for the Illinois Department of 14 Natural Resources from 1988 to 1991 and then served as policy coordinator and analyst for the Illinois House Republican 15 Leaders's Office from 1991 to 1995; from 1999 until December 16 17 2003 he worked as director of the Legislative Affairs Section 18 and then as assistant to the director for Marketing 19 Administration within the Department of Professional 20 Regulation; he was the deputy director for the Licensing & Testing Division at the Department of Professional Regulation 21 22 from December 2003 to June 2004 and served as the director of 23 the Division of Professional Regulation for the Illinois SR0388 -2- LRB098 12514 MST 46931 r Department of Financial and Professional Regulation from July 2 2004 to March 2010; from 1993 to 1995, he was vice-president 3 and co-owner of Stuff for Success Inc. in Franklin Park; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Bluthardt followed in the footprints of his grandfather, former State Representative Edward E. Bluthardt Sr. and entered politics; he served as precinct committeeman in Leyden Township for many years and was president of the Leyden Township Republican Organization for a number of years; he also was elected precinct committeeman in Algonquin Township; and

10 WHEREAS, Daniel Bluthardt enjoyed boating, fishing, 11 following the Chicago Cubs, and having cocktails with friends; 12 he liked to take his family on trips to Eagle River, Wisconsin; 13 and

14 WHEREAS, Daniel Bluthardt will be remembered by his family 15 and friends for his professionalism, his work ethic, his quick 16 wit, his humble demeanour, and the infectious smile that never 17 seemed to disappear; and

18 WHEREAS, Daniel Bluthardt resided in Chatham, Illinois, 19 and is survived by his children Rocco and Amanda; his wife, 20 Carrie; his cousins, Chris and Todd Itrich; his brother, Brent; 21 and many lifelong friends; therefore, be it SR0388 -3- LRB098 12514 MST 46931 r 1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL 2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of 3 Daniel "Blu" Bluthardt, and extend our sincere condolences to 4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it 5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 7 presented the family of Daniel Bluthardt as an expression of 8 our deepest sympathy.