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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 Bernard J. "Bernie" Cobb, Sr. of Naperville, who passed away on January 7, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Bernard Cobb, Sr. was born on October 10, 1941 in Chicago to Sylver and Mary Cobb; he attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary South and graduated from William R. Harper High School in Chicago in 1960; he married Carol in 1966; and

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WHEREAS, Bernard Cobb, Sr. worked with the Sign & Pictorial Painters of America as a gold-leaf draftsman and began his career with H.M. Witt & Co. Signs in Chicago; during this time, he earned numerous scholarships to the Art Institute of Chicago and continued his studies at the American Academy of Art; in 1970, he began attending Leadership Techniques, Inc. sales training and began selling the Leader Tech Tiger School programs; he began selling real estate in 1972 at Naperville's Thorsen Realtors and in 1978 he joined RE/MAX of Naperville; teaming up with his wife, and later his sons, he formed "The Cobb Team-Families Helping Families" and continued as a top agent until he retired from RE/MAX in 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Bernard Cobb, Sr. always had a passion for art and painting; he reignited that passion after retirement at the

1 Palette and Chisel Art Club in Chicago, producing over 500
2 paintings in his home studio; he served on the club's board of
3 directors for several years; he also enjoyed fishing,
4 especially in Canada, vacationing out West, and viewing art
5 galleries; and

6 WHEREAS, Bernard Cobb, Sr. was the beloved husband of Carol
7 (nee Pecho) Cobb; the loving father of Bernard J. "Bernie"
8 (Vickie) Cobb, Jr. and Christopher (Susan) Cobb; the adored
9 grandfather of Courtney, Kyle, Carley, and Porter Cobb; the
10 devoted son of the late Sylver and Mary Cobb; the dear brother
11 of Judy (Bill) Desmond, Mary Ellen Cosgrove, Diane (the late
12 Larry) Kelly, and the late David (Charlotte) Cobb; the fond
13 brother-in-law of Marge Pecho and Victor (Pat) Pecho; and the
14 adored uncle of many and loving owner of his dog, Thor;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Bernard J. "Bernie" Cobb, Sr., and extend our sincere
19 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
20 him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Bernard Cobb, Sr. as an expression
23 of our deepest sympathy.