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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 Roger Joslin of Bonita Springs, Florida, who passed away on June 15, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Joslin was born in Bloomington on June 21, 1936 to Doris McLaflin and James Clifford Joslin; he graduated from Bloomington High School in 1954, where he was a member of the golf team; he graduated summa cum laude from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he was president of student government, elected Phi Beta Kappa, and a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity; he received his law degree from the University of Illinois Law School, where he was magna cum laude and Order of the Coif; he married Stephany "Stevie" on June 14, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Joslin began his legal career with a law firm in Peoria; he returned to Bloomington to be a controller for Union Insurance Group; shortly thereafter, he embarked on a 38-year career with State Farm Insurance, where he started as assistant vice-president; ultimately, he became the chief financial officer and vice-chairman of the board; he also led significant portions of the company's civic leadership efforts, including chairmanships of the Neighborhood Housing Services and the Social Compact; and

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1 WHEREAS, After retirement, Roger Joslin remained active in
2 the business community; he served as a director of both Archer
3 Daniels Midland and Amlin, a London-based insurance company; he
4 also served as chairman of the board of the Western Avenue
5 Community Center, chairman of the board of the Advocate BroMenn
6 Medical Center, board member of the Bloomington Board of
7 Education for 11 years (including 2 terms as president), and as
8 a trustee for Illinois Wesleyan University; he was also the
9 chairman of the McLean County Republican Central Committee and
10 a 2-time delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1972
11 and 1976; in 2013, he and his wife were honored by the McLean
12 County Museum of History as "History Makers" for their lifetime
13 of service to the community; and

14 WHEREAS, Roger Joslin enjoyed playing golf and tennis,
15 teaching tennis to his children, skiing, reading, and playing
16 duplicate bridge; he was a longtime member of the Second
17 Presbyterian Church, serving as an Elder and chair of the board
18 of trustees; he was also an active member of the First
19 Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, Florida; and

20 WHEREAS, Roger Joslin is survived by his wife, Stephany
21 "Stevie"; his daughter, Jill (Bill); his sons, Scott and Jim
22 (Wendy); and 5 grandchildren; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Roger Joslin, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
4 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Roger Joslin as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.