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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 Donald Cohen of Urbana, who passed away on June 26, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, David Cohen was born in Jersey City, New Jersey in 1930; he graduated from Huntington High School and attended the State University of New York at Albany, earning his Bachelor of Arts in Math and his Master of Arts in Physics; he served in the United States Army and married Marilyn Joan LeFevre in 1952; and

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WHEREAS, David Cohen worked as an educator and influenced thousands of children and adults throughout his life; he began teaching in the 50s and worked his way into teaching teachers in the early 60s; he began his 38-year business, The Math Program, in 1976 in Champaign/Urbana with Jerry Glenn; he was affectionately known as "The Mathman"; and

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WHEREAS, David Cohen was an award-winning watercolor artist; he loved to read and help anyone from age 5 to infinity learn calculus; and

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WHEREAS, David Cohen was preceded in death by his brother; his parents; and his granddaughter; and

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1 WHEREAS, David Cohen was the devoted and loving husband of
2 62 years to Marilyn; the father of Brian D. Cohen (Terri), Mark
3 Alan (Lisa), Steven Whitney Cohen, and adopted son, Ad; the
4 caring grandfather of Aaron Cohen (Michelle), Carrie Ekmark
5 (Brian), Danny Cohen (Heather), Lian Alan, Tara Alan (Tyler),
6 and Tessa Cohen; and the great-grandfather of Lucas Cohen and
7 Charles and Kathryn Ekmark; he is also survived by a close
8 friend of the family, Barbara Wachs; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Donald Cohen, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
12 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of David Cohen as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.