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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 Henry Beall Sinclair of Peoria, who passed away on April 21, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Sinclair was born on January 11, 1930 in St. Louis, Missouri; his parents were Ida Lowry Sinclair and Salomon S. Sinclair; he married Dorothy Boyd in April of 1955 in St. Louis, Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Sinclair graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the College of Chemistry at the University of California in Berkeley in 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Sinclair worked at Mallinckrodt Chemical Works in St. Louis, Missouri, where he met his future wife; the couple later moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where he earned his Doctor of Philosophy in organic chemistry in 1959 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Henry Sinclair and his family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked at Proctor & Gamble as a chemist; in 1963, he accepted a position at the "Ag Lab" in

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1 Peoria with the United States Department of Agriculture, where
2 he remained employed until he took early retirement in the
3 1990s; and

4 WHEREAS, In the mid-1960s Henry Sinclair began his lifelong
5 commitment to the Boy Scouts of America, W. D. Boyce Council;
6 he served as a scout leader at Kellar School Boy Scout Troop
7 304 for 15 years; while involved in scouting, he attended three
8 National Jamborees, numerous camps at Philmont Scout Ranch in
9 New Mexico, and many international scouting events; he attended
10 many canoe outings throughout Illinois; he devoted his time to
11 countless troop meetings, camping, hiking, and cooking events
12 at Camp Wokanda, and Wood Badge basics classes; at the age of
13 78, he was still volunteering to review submission papers from
14 older scouts seeking the rank of Eagle Scout; and

15 WHEREAS, After retiring from the Ag Lab and through a
16 lifetime scouting friendship that evolved, Henry Sinclair and
17 his wife traveled extensively with his friends, Jack and JoAnne
18 Dennis; they visited historical locations throughout the
19 United States and the world for 15 years; as a Civil War
20 history buff, he read hundreds of biographies and books about
21 the history and strategy of the Civil War and the time period;
22 he and his wife also took frequent recreational travels to
23 Civil War towns and related locations; and

1 WHEREAS, Henry Sinclair was a member of the Universalist
2 Unitarian Church for over 50 years; he served as President of
3 the Board, Trust Officer, and in many service positions; as
4 President, he made it possible for the minister to take a leave
5 to join the historic Selma March; and

6 WHEREAS, Henry Sinclair was a longtime member of the
7 Audubon Society; throughout the years, he frequently traveled
8 to view local and national bird habitats to study bird species;
9 he participated as an Audubon bird census counter, officially
10 tracking and recording birds at Illinois River and marsh
11 locations; he often talked about the number, types, and
12 locations of birds that he had observed birdwatching; and

13 WHEREAS, From 2008 to 2015, Henry Sinclair volunteered
14 preparing taxes for senior citizens and low income people; he
15 also enrolled in the Bradley University Continuing Education
16 Program and took several college classes; for five years, he
17 participated in OLLI education programs and bus trips to
18 various locations throughout the Midwest and mid-South; in late
19 2015, he was nominated to submit suggestions for academic study
20 in cinema class and spent the last year of his life
21 recommending and studying historic and classic cinematography;
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23 WHEREAS, Henry Sinclair was a dedicated supporter of the

1 Peoria Red Cross, the Peoria Historical Society, the Peoria
2 Symphony Orchestra, the Lakeview Museum, the Corn Stock
3 Theater, and the Peoria Rivermen; and

4 WHEREAS, Henry Sinclair is survived by his children,
5 Claudia and Ian; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
8 family and friends, mourn the passing of Henry Beall Sinclair;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Henry Sinclair as an expression of
12 our sympathy.