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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 Philip Guentert, who passed away on November 7, 2016, at the age of 58; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Guentert grew up in Cleveland, Ohio; he earned his bachelor's degree from Yale University and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University for a master's of public policy; he earned his Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Guentert joined the Department of Justice as an assistant United States attorney in Chicago in 1990; he was the first chief of the office's public corruption section, overseeing a number of investigations and prosecutions of public officials; he was also the office's ethics and professional responsibility adviser; he worked on the prosecutions of former Illinois governors, George Ryan and Rod Blagojevich; he also worked on the Archer Daniels Midland price-fixing case in the 1990s; and

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WHEREAS, In 2012, Philip Guentert and his wife, Monika Bickert, moved to San Jose, California, where he joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California; previously, they spent five years in Bangkok, where

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1 they both worked for the United States Department of Justice;
2 he also worked throughout Asia as the Department's intellectual
3 property law enforcement coordinator; and

4 WHEREAS, Philip Guentert took his family on trips that
5 included trekking in Nepal, running a marathon in Berlin, and
6 hiking in Taiwan; and

7 WHEREAS, Philip Guentert was preceded in death by his first
8 wife, Jennifer; and

9 WHEREAS, Philip Guentert is survived by his wife, Monika;
10 his daughters, Eleanor and Louise; and his brother, James;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Philip Guentert, and extend our sincere condolences to his
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Philip Guentert as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.