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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" Goitein, Ph.D., who passed away on August 2, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Goitein, the son of Dr. Lionel Goitein and Rachael Hahn Goitein-Galperin, in Queens, New York City, New York on July 7, 1950; he attended New York schools before moving with his family to Israel, where he graduated from Hebrew University High School; he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from Hebrew University; he returned to the United States in 1975; he received his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Michigan (U-M) in 1981; during his doctoral studies, he was an assistant study director at U-M's Survey Research Center under the Survey Research Institute (SRI), where he worked on national Quality of Employment Surveys; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Goitein taught business management at Bradley University, where he also served as director of the Center for Business and Economic Research; for many years, his often-quoted Consumer Confidence surveys reliably measured the health of central Illinois' economy with economic indicators that accurately predicted fluctuations in metro-Peoria's prosperity; during his career, he authored numerous

1 publications and conducted research on social and  
2 organizational psychology; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Goitein was dedicated to his community,  
4 serving as president of the Uplands Residential Association,  
5 as a longtime member of the West Bluff Council, and on the  
6 Peoria Transportation Commission; he supported numerous  
7 projects that improved the appearance and stability of the  
8 Uplands and West Bluff, including the Uplands Boulevard  
9 Gardens and the Western Avenue Greenway; and

10 WHEREAS, Bernie was a beloved and devoted father,  
11 grandfather, and brother; he will be remembered for his kind  
12 and gentle nature; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Goitein is survived by his wife, Patricia  
14 (Ostler) Goitein; his children, Zachary Goitein, Daniel  
15 (Sarah) Goitein, and Annie (James) Prince; five grandchildren;  
16 and his siblings, Eli Goitein, Estelle Goitein Halevi, and  
17 Meriam Goitein Haringman; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Bernard J. "Bernie" Goitein, Ph.D and extend our sincere  
21 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
22 him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Dr. Goitein as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.