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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 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Commissioner Timothy Bradford, who passed away on December 1, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford was a Chicago native and graduated from Crane High School, where he was an athlete; and

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WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford began his professional journey at Quaker Oats in a managerial position, where he stayed for 25 years; he later established himself as an entrepreneur with an interest in a Miller Beer Distributorship in St. Louis, Missouri; he also owned Docks Fish, a popular food franchise; his success in the field of sales and marketing forged his path as a dedicated leader in the south suburban political community and the Democratic Party; and

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WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford later served as Administrator at Rich Township; and

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WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford was elected to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Board of Commissioners in 2014 and served as Chairman of the Ethics and Federal Legislation Committees; he was also the Vice Chairman of the

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1 Maintenance and Operations and Monitoring and Research
2 Committees; and

3 WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford volunteered on the boards
4 of numerous civic and business organizations, including the
5 Rich High School District 227 Advisory Board, the Great Lakes
6 Bank Advisory Board in Matteson, and was the Club President of
7 the Rotary International Club; he also coached youth basketball
8 for many years; and

9 WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford served 30 years as an
10 elected member of the Olympia Fields Park District Board and
11 served three terms as president; he received many awards,
12 including the Eagle Award for 30 years of service to the
13 Olympia Fields Park District, the Hero's Award from the Village
14 of Olympia Fields, and the Diversity Award from Diversity,
15 Incorporated; the Matteson Business Association honored him
16 for becoming an elected official; he was a dedicated public
17 servant, advocate for the environment, mentor to some, and
18 friend to many; and

19 WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford was preceded in death by his
20 child, Shance; and

21 WHEREAS, Commissioner Bradford is survived by his wife of
22 more than 50 years, Mary Ann; his children, Cherise, Corey, and

1 Ty; and his grandchildren, Bryce, Blaine, Chase, Ryder, Blake,
2 Aiden, Talon, and Nya; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
6 Commissioner Timothy Bradford and extend our sincere
7 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
8 him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Commissioner Bradford as an
11 expression of our deepest sympathy.