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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 Tom Z. Dickerson of Rockford, who passed away on March 2, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Dickerson was born in Cherokee, Oklahoma to Zearl and Retta (Wilson) Dickerson on August 22, 1934; he graduated from high school in Byron, Oklahoma; he served in the Army National Guard and was called into active duty during the Bay of Pigs incident with Cuba; he also served as a Sergeant with the United States Army Reserves Quartermasters Unit during the Korean War; in 1973, he married Earline; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Dickerson started his career at Woodward Governor; during his early years, he was involved with the Rockford Rams football program; against advice from friends, he decided to pursue a career in real estate; his first venture was with Bridge & Dickerson Realtors; a few years later, he started Dickerson Realtors, where he began as a Real Estate Broker and then moved into investment property and home building with Ambassador Homes; he also worked in land development and was responsible for developing several subdivisions, including Olde Farm, Stonehedge, Mulford Hills, and Mulford Hills West; through acquisitions including Nieman Realtors, the company became Dickerson & Nieman Realtors in

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1 1998; with five offices in three counties, it is still the
2 largest real estate firm in the area today; and

3 WHEREAS, Tom Dickerson received numerous awards and
4 recognitions, including being named Illinois Realtor of the
5 Year and serving as President of the Board of Realtors; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Dickerson was a member of Westminster
7 Presbyterian Church and a supporter of the United Way; he was
8 an avid golfer; he enjoyed spending time with his family and
9 friends and always made them laugh with his sense of humor and
10 wit; he was always there to help others, as a father, father
11 figure, grandfather, and mentor; and

12 WHEREAS, Tom Dickerson was preceded in death by his parents
13 and his siblings, Bill Dickerson and Betty Sumner; and

14 WHEREAS, Tom Dickerson is survived by his wife, Earline;
15 his children, Karen (Doug Page) Dickerson, Tom Keith Dickerson,
16 Cindy (Keith) Kelly, Andrew (Sean), Wehrstein, Candace Ross,
17 and Frank (Jennifer) Wehrstein; his grandchildren, Adam J.
18 (Daniela) Dyer, Kristina Kelly, Shannon Kelly, Stephanie Ross,
19 Erica Ross, Reilley Wehrstein, Ashley Wehrstein, Frank
20 Wehrstein Jr., and Ashley Dickerson; and his many nieces and
21 nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that mourn the passing of
3 Tom Z. Dickerson and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Tom Dickerson as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.