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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 Joe V. Michael of Aurora, who passed away on March 17, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Michael was born in South Whitley, Indiana on October 2, 1935; he was raised in South Whitley and attended Larwell High School; he received a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Rochester in New York; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Michael began his career teaching classes as a postdoctoral associate at Harvard University; he worked as a postdoctoral associate and chemist for the Brookhaven National Laboratory and for Carnegie Mellon University as an associate professor; from 1975 to 1977, he was a research associate for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and retired as a senior chemist at Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont in December 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Michael had over 200 publications in science magazines and was a Fellow of The Combustion Institute; he was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Chemical Society, the American

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1 Geophysical Union, and the scientific research honor society
2 Sigma Xi; and

3 WHEREAS, Joe Michael was a member of Grace United Methodist
4 Church in Naperville and sang tenor with the Naperville Men's
5 Glee Club; he enjoyed traveling with his wife, Valerie, and
6 spoke at many chemistry symposiums and meetings in the U.S. and
7 around the world; he also enjoyed fishing, singing, coaching
8 basketball, Boy Scouts, Indian guides, attending concerts, and
9 supporting his family; and

10 WHEREAS, Joe Michael was the beloved husband of over 32
11 years of Valerie Michael (Jeter); the loving father of Susan
12 (Tim) Maloney, Jane (Gary) Portman, Jonathan (Rochelle)
13 Michael, Derek Efimetz, and Eugene Michael; the grandfather of
14 Amanda, Jenna, and Olivia Maloney, Michael, Rachel, Nicole, and
15 Stephen Portman, and David, Justin, and Michael Grogan; the son
16 of the late Samuel Elden "Punch" Michael and Edna Emily
17 Michael; the brother of Tom (Bonnie) Michael, the late Steve
18 (Lois) Michael, the late Richard "Dick" (Sarah) Michael, and
19 the late Mollie (the late Jim) Payne; the brother-in-law of
20 Gail Norton-Locke; former spouse of Judith Michael; cousin of
21 eight; and uncle, great-uncle, and friend of many; therefore,
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Joe V. Michael and extend our sincere condolences to his
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Joe Michael as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.