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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 Leland Bishop "Lee" Miller Jr. of Mahomet, who passed away on October 26, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Miller was born in Bloomington to Leland B. Sr. and Nellie C. (Jolly) Miller on June 17, 1931; he graduated salutatorian in 1949 from University High School in Bloomington; he received his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Miller pursued a doctoral thesis at Purdue University in chemical engineering prior to accepting a research engineering position at Exxon in New Jersey; later, he taught management courses at the Harvard Graduate School of Business and the University of Illinois; he was a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, Phi Lambda Upsilon, and Sigma Chi at the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Lee Miller served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957 as a first lieutenant in the 501st Army Security Agency stationed in Korea and Fort Devens, Massachusetts; he continued in the Army Reserve until 1962; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 1959, Lee Miller joined the A.E. Staley
2 Manufacturing Co., later Staley Continental, as a chemical
3 engineer; he then held other positions, including manager of
4 sweetener manufacturing operations, director of facilities
5 planning, and director of long-range planning and assistant
6 treasurer, before his final position as treasurer and vice
7 president; following his career with Staley, he was elected
8 vice president/chief financial officer of MultiFresh Systems
9 Inc.; and

10 WHEREAS, Lee Miller's affiliations included the National
11 Association of Corporate Treasurers, the Planning Executive
12 Institute, the Financial Management Association, the Midwest
13 Planning Association, the American Management Association, the
14 Corporate Finance Council, the American Institute of Chemical
15 Engineers, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and the Lions
16 Club; he held the positions of vice president of United
17 Cerebral Palsy of Illinois, director of Progress Resources, and
18 president of the Industrial Development Research Council; he
19 was a Mahomet Village Board member and a chairman of the
20 planning and zoning committee; and

21 WHEREAS, Lee Miller was fearless in trying new things
22 regardless of his age; he learned to ski at age 50 and kept
23 skiing until the age of 75; he learned to golf at age 57 and

1 looked forward to the 19th hole regardless of the outcome; his
2 favorite ski and golf spot was Telluride, Colorado, where he
3 and his wife spent many weeks enjoying the slopes and
4 surrounding mountains with family and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Lee Miller was an avid storyteller and enjoyed
6 when someone appreciated his unique sense of humor; he was a
7 voracious reader and had multiple books by his chair at all
8 times; and

9 WHEREAS, Lee Miller was a fan of the Illini and the Chicago
10 Bears, since the Bears franchise was started by A.E. Staley as
11 the Staley Bears; he was a Chicago Bears season ticket holder
12 and attended the home games regularly up until the week prior
13 to his passing; he was happiest when he was spending time with
14 his wife, children, and granddaughters; and

15 WHEREAS, Lee Miller was preceded in death by his parents;
16 his sister, Charlotte (Herb) McGrath; his son, Steven Robert
17 Miller; and his niece, Kim McGrath; he was previously married
18 to Elene (Schiermer) Miller; and

19 WHEREAS, Lee Miller is survived by his wife of 34 years,
20 Alice P. Elder-Miller; his daughter, Susan (Timothy) Fallon;
21 his son, James Bishop Miller; and his granddaughters, Katherine
22 and Elizabeth Fallon; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Leland Bishop "Lee" Miller Jr. and extend our sincere
4 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
5 him; and be it further

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