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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 J. David "Dave" Pepper, who passed away on December 28, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Pepper was born in Evanston to Richard and Roxelyn Pepper on January 15, 1960; he graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in civil engineering; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Pepper joined his family's business, the Pepper Construction Group, in 1985 as a field engineer and became CEO in 2003; he was a longtime supporter of green building strategies and oversaw hundreds of projects across the country each year, including many suburban landmarks; he helped guide the renovations at Wrigley Field in 2015; he lived his life in service to others and was widely known for his kindness and generosity; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Pepper was known as a champion of education and held multiple leadership roles, including president of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Education and Research Foundation; he was involved in workforce readiness and school mentoring programs; he served on the Providence St. Mel School Board of Trustees, the Dominican University Board of Trustees, and the Junior Achievement of Chicago's Board of Directors and

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1 Executive Committee; he served as a management trustee to the
2 Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters; and

3 WHEREAS, Dave Pepper's life centered around his family and
4 friends; he enjoyed cooking, boating, and traveling and
5 frequently said that being part of his family was the best
6 leadership lesson of his life; and

7 WHEREAS, Dave Pepper was a member at St. Michael's
8 Episcopal Church, the Economic Club of Chicago, The Chicago
9 Club, the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, and the Commercial
10 Club of Chicago; and

11 WHEREAS, Dave Pepper is survived by his wife, Katy; his
12 children, Ali, Lauren, and Colin; his parents; his brothers,
13 Stan, Dick, and Scot; his sisters, Lynda and Lisa; and numerous
14 nieces, nephews, cousins, and relatives; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 J. David "Dave" Pepper and extend our sincere condolences to
18 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Dave Pepper as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.