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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 Kenneth E. "Ken" Kolb, Ph.D. of Peoria, who passed away on April 11, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Kolb was born to Frederick and Lillian (Baisch) Kolb in Louisville, Kentucky on January 21, 1928; he attended Louisville Male High School; he enrolled at the University of Louisville in 1945; he married Doris Jean Kasey at the First Unitarian Church in Louisville on September 18, 1948, and she preceded him in death in 2005; alongside Doris, he earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry from The Ohio State University in 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Kolb and Doris both went to work at Standard Oil of Indiana in Whiting, Indiana after graduation; they moved to Corning, New York in 1957, where he took a research position with Corning Glass while she started the chemistry program at the new Corning Community College; he helped her and became interested in teaching; he took a position at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois in 1965, where he taught full time until 1993 and part time until 2003; he served as chairman for two decades before continuing as emeritus faculty; and

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1 WHEREAS, During his career, Ken Kolb authored numerous
2 professional publications, many co-authored with Doris; he was
3 a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin three
4 times; he lectured across the country on "The Many Facets of
5 Glass" and co-authored a book on the subject with Doris;
6 together, they created the Doris and Kenneth Kolb Chemistry
7 Lecture, which has brought world class chemists, including
8 three Nobel Prize winners, to lecture at Bradley University;
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10 WHEREAS, Ken Kolb was a member of the American Chemical
11 Society since 1949; he also received the Samuel Rothberg Award
12 for Professional Excellence; and

13 WHEREAS, Ken Kolb loved his family, chemistry, Bradley
14 University, Manhattan cocktails, real theater, art glass,
15 moderately priced wine, meals at Papparazzi with his family,
16 and traveling, especially to London; he was known for
17 correcting people who ended their sentences in prepositions,
18 particularly "at"; and

19 WHEREAS, Ken Kolb was preceded in death by his wife,
20 Doris, and his son, Ken Jr.; and

21 WHEREAS, Ken Kolb is survived by his significant other,
22 Jean Jost; his sons, Jerry (Laura) and Ron; his

1 daughter-in-law, Darci; his grandchildren, Timothy Kolb,
2 Caitlin Kolb, Melissa Wilkinson, Marci (Sam) Stitt, Kasey Kolb
3 (Tyler Merritt), Abby (Joe) Kernin, and Ben Heffel; and the
4 person who saved his life and made his final Manhattan, Ben
5 Knuffman-Brewer; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Kenneth E. "Ken" Kolb, Ph.D. and extend our sincere
9 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
10 him; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Ken Kolb as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.