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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Bruce Simon of Springfield, who passed away on October 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Simon was born to Fred and Nancy (Fell) Simon in Chicago on December 9, 1948; he earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Indiana State University, where he was student body president; he served as a medic and drug counselor in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; he married Marguerite Feeley on July 25, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Simon worked for Indiana U.S. Senator Vance Hartke and then as a legislative liaison at a variety of state agencies providing human services; after leaving state government, he had a successful career as a lobbyist for more than 25 years, primarily representing clients in healthcare related fields; he was also a co-founder of The Association of Safety Net Community Hospitals in Illinois and helped to establish the Medicaid data warehouse; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Simon was involved in many community programs, including serving as a member of the Springfield Public School Foundation; and

1 WHEREAS, Bruce Simon was the recipient of many awards for
2 outstanding public service; and

3 WHEREAS, Bruce Simon was a lifelong Chicago White Sox fan,
4 and he was a proud founding member of the bipartisan White Sox
5 Caucus in Springfield; he cherished spending time with his
6 family, including going to the movies and on family vacations
7 to Disney World, Coronado, Michigan, and Ireland; and

8 WHEREAS, Bruce Simon will be remembered as a selfless,
9 thoughtful, and compassionate man; and

10 WHEREAS, Bruce Simon was preceded in death by his parents;
11 his brothers, Ed Simon and Bobby Simon; his nephew, Tom
12 Zimmerman; and his parents-in-law, Jim Feeley and Mary Beth
13 Feeley; and

14 WHEREAS, Bruce Simon is survived by his wife; his
15 children, Eileen (Patrick) Besler, Mary Kate Simon, and
16 Michael Simon; his grandchildren, Peter Patrick and William
17 Bruce Besler; his sisters, Leslie (Bob) Zimmerman and Mary
18 (Mike) Groves; his brothers, Dave (Karen) Simon, Gerry (Donna)
19 Simon, Mike Simon, and Danny (Alison) Simon; his aunt, Fran
20 Fell; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law,
21 and sisters-in-law; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Bruce Simon 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 Bruce Simon as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.