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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, State Senator Michael Bond has represented the citizens of the State of Illinois and the families of the 31st Legislative District since 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Michael Bond has been at the forefront of efforts to modernize Illinois, from improving transportation and mass transit systems to supporting technological advances in education, crime prevention, and energy production; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Bond began his elected service to his community as a member of the Board of Education for Woodland District 50 Consolidated Schools, which is the largest elementary school district in Lake County and the 7th largest elementary school district in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Senate, Michael Bond has drawn on his background as the former director of corporate finance for Allstate Insurance Company, where his experience with strategic planning, forecasting, and advanced demographics and mapping technologies has assisted him in taking a more forward-thinking and formulaic approach to large-scale transportation initiatives and education reform; and

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1           WHEREAS, Understanding the importance of adequate and safe  
2 transportation in Lake County, Senator Bond has been  
3 particularly involved in issues related to road construction  
4 and infrastructure improvements, both regionally and  
5 throughout the State; and

6           WHEREAS, Senator Bond has been a strong advocate for new  
7 road projects in Lake County and was an early supporter of the  
8 \$30 billion capital construction plan that was signed into law  
9 in July of 2009, which was crafted to create jobs, restore the  
10 State's lagging economy, and, for the first time in a decade,  
11 provide significant dollars to rebuild Illinois' outdated  
12 schools, roads, bridges, and mass transit systems; and

13           WHEREAS, Senator Bond was selected as the Senate Chairman  
14 of a new statewide Strategic Infrastructure Task Force, which  
15 was organized to maximize the State's eligibility for  
16 infrastructure dollars in the federal 2009 American Recovery  
17 and Reinvestment Act; and

18           WHEREAS, Senator Bond has played an important role in  
19 improving transportation access in Lake County, including the  
20 extension of Atkinson Road in Grayslake to connect with  
21 Illinois Route 137, which will also feature substantial  
22 improvements where Route 137 intersects with Illinois Route 120  
23 and Illinois Route 83, respectively; and

1           WHEREAS, A strong supporter of the environment and the  
2 local economy and understanding that the two issues can often  
3 work in concert, Senator Bond sponsored an initiative to assist  
4 the conservation efforts of the Fox Waterway by giving the Fox  
5 Waterway Agency the statutory authority to sell its dredging  
6 material as reclaimed topsoil, with the revenue to be used for  
7 projects designed to maintain and improve the waterway; and

8           WHEREAS, In an effort to make Illinois more  
9 energy-efficient, Senator Bond was the sponsor of legislation  
10 to address the amount of energy that buildings across the State  
11 consume by requiring the Capital Development Board, in  
12 conjunction with the Department of Commerce and Economic  
13 Opportunity, to initiate a study of building energy performance  
14 measures to create a simple label that indicates a building's  
15 energy use and to report those findings and recommendations to  
16 the General Assembly so that further action to improve  
17 efficiency and reduce consumption can be taken; and

18           WHEREAS, A loving father, Senator Bond sponsored  
19 "Jasmine's Law", which provides judges in Illinois the ability  
20 to use as an aggravating factor in sentencing the fact that a  
21 minor was offered or under the influence of alcohol at the time  
22 an offense was committed; and

1           WHEREAS, Understanding the need for greater protection for  
2           our families from sex offenders, Senator Bond sponsored a law  
3           which provided additional safeguards in the Sexually Violent  
4           Persons Act by allowing a local State's Attorney to petition  
5           for the commitment of a sexually violent person about to be  
6           released from prison who may still pose a threat to the  
7           community; and

8           WHEREAS, In 2009, Senator Bond was selected to chair the  
9           newly created Senate Telecommunications and Information  
10          Technology Committee, where he worked to improve services  
11          ranging from emergency 911 systems to public broadcast towers;  
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13          WHEREAS, Senator Bond, as chairman of the Senate  
14          Telecommunications Committee and working in conjunction with  
15          the Citizens Utility Board and Attorney General Lisa Madigan,  
16          was the chief sponsor of a new law that protects consumers from  
17          telecommunications companies that post unauthorized charges on  
18          phone bills, a practice known as "cramming", by requiring that  
19          phone companies obtain a customer's consent before including  
20          new charges on telephone bills; and

21          WHEREAS, Senator Bond also sponsored measures to better  
22          incorporate technology in state operations, including an  
23          initiative to provide low-cost laptops in public schools, a

1 successful campaign to allow Metra commuter rail passengers to  
2 purchase train fares with credit cards, and his work to study  
3 the feasibility of offering high-speed Internet access on  
4 passenger trains; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Bond also supported the creation of new  
6 "innovation zones" to promote economic growth in fields such as  
7 biotechnology, alternative fuels, and advanced computing; and

8 WHEREAS, Despite his many responsibilities, Senator Bond  
9 has been active in his community; he is a member of St.  
10 Joseph's Church; he has participated in many youth sports  
11 activities, including t-ball coaching; he has served as an  
12 event coordinator and sponsor of the annual youth orienteer  
13 event; he also serves as a volunteer at area neighborhood  
14 highway clean-up days as a local Sierra Club member; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Bond, who holds a Bachelor of Arts from  
16 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and a Master of  
17 Business Administration from Roosevelt University, will return  
18 to Grayslake where he lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their  
19 three children - Ethan, Georgia Kate, and Elliot; therefore, be  
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21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Michael Bond

1 for his dedicated service to the people of Illinois and honor  
2 him with this resolution; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Michael Bond with our best wishes for his future  
5 endeavors.