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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 Michel A. McCord of Peoria, who passed away on October 18, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Michel McCord was born on June 5, 1944, in Peoria; he was the son of Robert and Victoria McCord; he married Judith Kay McKenzie on August 26, 1967, in Texas; and

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WHEREAS, Michel McCord graduated from Peoria High School in 1962; he subsequently earned his bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in finance and insurance from the University of Arizona in 1967; and

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WHEREAS, Michel McCord earned the designation of chartered life underwriter in 1974; he served as president of Illinois Mutual Life Insurance Company from 1983 to 2010 and was the CEO and chairman of the company's board since 1990; during his 45-year career, he served as director, manager, and vice president before being named to his most recent role; and

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WHEREAS, Michel McCord was a distinguished member of the Peoria community and was well known for his dedication to community service; he served on the board for several organizations, including the Bradley University Board of

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1 Trustees, most recently serving as chairman of the board; he
2 served on the board of the Central Illinois Chapter of the
3 American Red Cross, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and the
4 Heart of Illinois United Way; he was a member of the Peoria
5 Country Club, the Creve Coeur Club, and the Rotary Club of
6 Peoria; he was a past member and chair of Arts Partners, the
7 Economic Development Council for the Peoria area, the Hult
8 Health Education Center, and the Peoria Area Community
9 Foundation; he was a past member of the Bradley University
10 Business Council, the Country Club of Peoria Board of
11 Governors, the District 150 Financial Advisory Committee, the
12 Eureka College Board of Trustees, the Peoria Area Chamber of
13 Commerce, the Peoria Neighborhood Commission, and the YWCA
14 Advisory Council; he was also a past president of the Bradley
15 Chief's Club; and

16 WHEREAS, Michel McCord was the recipient of numerous
17 community awards, including the Tom Connor Distinguished
18 Service Award, the Cancer Center for Healthy Living
19 Distinguished Service Award, the Salvation Army William Booth
20 Award, the "Others" Award, the Mission Award, the YWCA Legend
21 Award, and the Red Cross Good Citizen Hero Award; and

22 WHEREAS, Michel McCord was preceded in death by his
23 parents; and

1 WHEREAS, Michel McCord is survived by his wife of 45 years,
2 Judith; his children, Molly (Corey) Martin, Scott (Heather),
3 Katie (Thomas) Jenkins, Melanie (Michael) Behling, and Mitzi
4 (Robert) Demeter; his grandchildren, Connor, Michel, Tyler,
5 and Emma Kay Martin, Meyer McCord, McKenzie and Hannah Behling,
6 and Matthew "Mac" Jenkins; his sisters, Robin (Thomas) Groom
7 and Melissa (James) Metternich; and his many nieces and
8 nephews; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 his family and friends, the passing of Michel A. McCord; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Michel McCord as an expression of
15 our sympathy.