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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Since his election in 1990 to the House of  
3 Representatives, Illinois State Senator Jeffrey M. Schoenberg  
4 has served his constituents and the State of Illinois in the  
5 General Assembly, completing 6 terms in the House and 3 terms  
6 in the Senate and establishing himself as one of this State's  
7 most accomplished legislators; and

8           WHEREAS, Having served on the Economic and Fiscal  
9 Commission for 10 years, Senator Schoenberg was appointed in  
10 2003 to co-chair the Commission, which, in 2004, was given  
11 additional responsibilities and renamed the Commission on  
12 Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA); he ably  
13 oversaw the bipartisan panel's evaluation of contentious  
14 issues, such as tollway privatization, State employee health  
15 insurance contracts, State pensions, and proposed facility  
16 closures, and ensured that COGFA remained a credible and  
17 reasonable voice in policy debates; and

18           WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg has chaired the House  
19 Appropriations I Committee (1995-2002), the House Special  
20 Committee on State Procurement (1999-2000), the Senate State  
21 Government Committee (2003-2004) and the Senate Appropriations  
22 II Committee (2005-2008), and has served as vice-chair or  
23 member of numerous other House and Senate committees; and

1           WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg has become an expert on  
2           contracting and procurement issues and, through his  
3           legislative efforts to make government more efficient, has  
4           saved the State of Illinois and its taxpayers millions of  
5           dollars; and

6           WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg spearheaded the investigation  
7           into corruption surrounding the Illinois Toll Highway  
8           Authority and secured the enactment of accountability  
9           measures, citizen petition recognition, stricter ethics  
10          regulations, alignment of purchasing practices with the  
11          Illinois Procurement Code, and the open competitive bidding  
12          process; and

13          WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg sponsored multiple components  
14          of a comprehensive ethics reform package to reform the State's  
15          approach to Freedom of Information Act requests, campaign  
16          contribution limits, and elected officials' pay; he also worked  
17          to restore public confidence in State government by dismantling  
18          the scandal-ridden legacies of 2 corrupt governors'  
19          administrations; and

20          WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg has sought consistently to  
21          protect and improve health care in Illinois and was the chief  
22          architect of the Illinois Hospital Assessment Plan, which

1 enables the State to leverage federal Medicaid dollars to pay  
2 health care providers; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg sponsored and successfully  
4 passed legislation requiring State pension funds to divest  
5 their holdings in foreign companies that do business with  
6 Iran's energy industry, the key source of financing for Iran's  
7 nuclear weapons program; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg sponsored legislation  
9 establishing a Budget Stabilization or "rainy day" fund to  
10 encourage fiscal responsibility in State government; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg supported the Illinois Safe  
12 Choice Zones Act, which establishes civil and criminal  
13 penalties for interfering with individuals entering or leaving  
14 medical facilities, including those that perform abortions;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg has advocated for stricter gun  
17 control measures limiting firearm purchases and enabling law  
18 enforcement officials to better trace firearm use among  
19 juveniles; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg has served as the Democratic  
21 Committeeman of Evanston Township, coordinator for Bill

1 Bradley's 2000 presidential campaign, and a delegate to the  
2 2000 and 2004 Democratic National Conventions; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg served as Senate Assistant  
4 Majority Leader from 2009 to 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg has received numerous awards  
6 in recognition of his legislative accomplishments and  
7 commitment to his constituents and sound public policy; these  
8 include, most recently, Community Health's Public Service  
9 Award, a lifetime achievement award from the Jewish Federation  
10 of Metropolitan Chicago, the SHALVA Award for his opposition to  
11 domestic abuse, and the Illinois Environmental Council's  
12 highest rating for a State Senator; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Schoenberg, having dedicated so much of  
14 his life to public service, nevertheless counts his family and  
15 his faith as his highest priorities and is honored to be the  
16 devoted husband of his wife, Lynne Sered, and proud father of  
17 his 2 children; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Senator  
20 Jeffrey M. Schoenberg for his 22 years of service in the  
21 Illinois General Assembly, acknowledging the inestimable value  
22 of his institutional knowledge, innovative approaches,

1 deeply-held principals, and boundless energy in pursuit of the  
2 public good; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Senator Schoenberg as a symbol of our esteem and  
5 with our best wishes for his future endeavors.