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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Illinois State Senator Michael Noland 2 3 represented the families and residents of the 22nd Senate 4 District and citizens of the State of Illinois since 2007; and WHEREAS, Senator Noland began his public service in 1984 5 6 upon joining the United States Navy, where he served with the 7 Marine Division at the Great Lakes Naval Base; and 8 WHEREAS, While on active duty, Senator Noland earned the 9 National Defense Medal, the Navy Marksman Rating, the Good 10 Conduct Badge, and The Letters of Commendation and 11 Appreciation; and 12 WHEREAS, Senator Noland earned a Bachelor of Arts from the

University of Illinois at Chicago, a law degree from John
Marshall Law School, and a Master of Business Administration
from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Noland joined the Illinois General
17 Assembly in 2007, filling the vacancy created by Senator Steve
18 Rauschenberger in 2006; and

19 WHEREAS, In the State Senate, Senator Noland drew on his 20 background in the court system, including his time as an

- 1 attorney in the Kane County Public Defender's Office and his
- 2 experience in having his own law firm when he served as
- 3 Chairman of the Senate Criminal Law Committee and as a member
- 4 of the Senate Committees on Education, Revenue, Judiciary, and
- 5 Energy; and
- 6 WHEREAS, As a member on the Senate Education Committee and
- 7 the Education Funding Advisory Committee, Senator Noland
- 8 established himself as a tireless advocate for education
- 9 funding; he sponsored and co-sponsored legislation to increase
- 10 funding to schools in need; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Senator Noland has been instrumental in passing a
- 12 number of measures to reform criminal codes, protect victims of
- 13 sexual assault and raise awareness of a backlog in rape kits,
- 14 and passing legislation that extended the statutes of
- limitations for prosecuting accused rapists; and
- 16 WHEREAS, To protect and honor veterans, Senator Noland
- 17 sought to provide property tax relief to veterans and passed
- 18 legislation to prevent electric or gas public utilities from
- 19 disconnecting service to a customer who had notified the
- 20 utility that he or she is an active-duty servicemember or
- 21 veteran; and
- 22 WHEREAS, Senator Noland is the loving father of Claire and

Lucien Noland, and the loving husband of Veronica Noland; and

- 2 WHEREAS, Senator Noland will return to Elgin, where he
- 3 remains active in the courtroom as well as in many local
- 4 organizations; therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
- 6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend to Senator
- 7 Illinois State Senator Michael Noland and his family, our most
- 8 sincere wishes as he begins the next phase of his life; and be
- 9 it further

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- 10 RESOLVED, That we thank Senator Noland for his dedicated
- 11 service to the people of Illinois and honor him with this
- 12 resolution; and be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 14 presented to Senator Noland as a symbol of our gratitude and
- 15 greatest hope for his future endeavors.