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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 Lester Pritchard of Urbana, who passed away on October 12, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Pritchard was born September 25, 1949, in Galesburg, a son of William and Barbara Bauer Pritchard; he married Barbara Cotter on November 17, 1990, in Urbana; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Pritchard graduated from the University of Illinois and was a disability rights activist on the local, State, and federal levels; he was appointed by the Governor to chair the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities, and he was on the Board of Champaign County Healthcare Consumers; Mr. Pritchard, along with his wife, was co-founder of the Campaign For Real Choice In Illinois, dedicated to "full inclusion" for people with disabilities; he was a board member and board chair for P.A.C.E.; and he also served 16 years as a member of the Urbana Human Relations Commission; and

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WHEREAS, He and his wife founded Citizens for HOMES (Housing Options Meeting Equitable Standards) in 1997, to promote low-cost accessible features in new housing; and

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WHEREAS, In 2007 he was awarded the James R. Burgess Sr.

1 Humanitarian Award for furthering civil rights by the Champaign
2 County Board; and in 2008 he received the American Bar
3 Association's Paul G. Hearne Award for Disability Rights; and

4 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and

5 WHEREAS, Lester Pritchard is survived by his wife, Barbara;
6 his sister, Sarah (David) Nielsen; his brothers, Bill
7 (Jennifer) Pritchard and John (Jane) Pritchard; his
8 stepbrother, Christopher (Regina) Pritchard; and several
9 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 his family and friends, the passing of Lester Pritchard; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Lester Pritchard as a symbol of our
16 sincere sympathy.