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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 William E. "Ernie" Chappel of Ramsey, who passed away on January 25, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, William Chappel was born in Springfield to William Lernal and Mary Louise (Lucco) Chappel on September 8, 1950 and grew up on a farm near Pocahontas; he graduated from Pocahontas/Grant Fork Grade School and Highland High School in 1968; he earned his Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois in 1972 and his Master of Business Administration from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 1978; he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity; he married Tamara D. Meador-Lape in Vandalia on March 26, 1999; and

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WHEREAS, William Chappel began his banking career in 1971 with a part-time job wrapping coins in the basement of Champaign National Bank; his first full-time position in banking was with the First National Bank (now First Bank) in Greenville; in 1978, he moved to Vandalia and was named Senior Vice-President of the Farmers and Merchants Bank; he became President in 1981; when the bank was sold in 1984, he remained as President of both the Vandalia and Greenville Banks; in 1990, he resigned and became President of the First National Bank in Vandalia; most recently, he was on the Board of

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1 Directors of The First National Bank in Vandalia; and

2 WHEREAS, William Chappel was a member of Metro Church; he
3 was active in his community, including with the Rotary Club,
4 the Fayette County Family YMCA, the Chamber of Commerce, the
5 Office of Economic Development, the Park District, and the I-70
6 Community Development Corp; he was also involved with the
7 Kaskaskia College Foundation as the Co-Chair for their capital
8 campaign for the new satellite campus in Vandalia; he was on
9 the Greenville Regional Hospital Board of Directors, CBAI, and
10 the St. Louis Federal Reserve Board of Directors; and

11 WHEREAS, William Chappel was preceded in death by his
12 parents and his sister, Cynthia K. "Cindy" Chappel; and

13 WHEREAS, William Chappel is survived by his wife, Tammy;
14 his children, Christopher J. "Chris" (Beth) Chappel, William
15 Ryan Chappel, Melissa D. (Ken) Lounsbury, Megan K. (Kyle)
16 Miller, Lesley L. Lape, and Adam E. Lape; his grandchildren,
17 Jack, Dylan, Elijah, Lydia, Brynley, Jaelyn, Peyton, and one on
18 the way; and his sisters, Gena (Jeff) Moore, and Cari (Jeff)
19 Outman; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 William E. "Ernie" Chappel, and extend our sincere condolences

1 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of William Chappel as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.