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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 Charles "Chuck" Cuda of McHenry, who passed away on January 27, 2017 at the age of 92; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Cuda was born in Cicero, the youngest of eight children of Vaclav and Marie (Zverina) Cuda on August 19, 1924; he was raised and educated in Cicero where he was a starting guard for the State Champion Morton High School basketball team before graduating with the Class of 1942; following high school, he entered the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, where he served stateside as an instructor at bombardier school; following his military service, he met a young woman from his neighborhood who would become the love of his life, Anna Mae "Annie" Vyskocil; they married at Blessed Sacrament Rectory in Chicago on August 10, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Cuda continued his education at Michigan State University, where he also played basketball while pursuing his degree in Business Education; after earning his Bachelor of Science, he landed his first teaching job at Howe Military School in Indiana; when the school year ended, he moved to McHenry, where he enjoyed the remainder of his teaching career with McHenry High School District 156; he

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1 continued his education by attending night school, earning a
2 master's degree from Northern Illinois University; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Cuda remarkably missed only six school
4 days during his over 38-year distinguished career with District
5 156; he coached golf for the entire 38 years with the district
6 and also coached basketball and football for many years; he
7 will be remembered as a dedicated teacher who influenced the
8 lives of thousands of students throughout his long career;
9 prior to retiring in 1989, he proudly served the district
10 teaching Business Education and later was instrumental in the
11 development and implementation of the Diversified Occupations
12 program; he was involved in umpiring and refereeing throughout
13 the area; during summers off from school in the 1960s and early
14 1970s, he worked as a cement finisher for Wm. Tonyan & Sons,
15 using skills he learned as a young man from his father; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles Cuda enjoyed playing golf, racquetball,
17 and ping-pong; he played softball for Bimbo's for many years,
18 and enjoyed participating in activities at the Riverside Social
19 Athletic Club; a fan of playing bridge for most of his life, he
20 loved being involved in bridge clubs; he was a member of the
21 American Legion Post 491 in McHenry; he especially enjoyed time
22 spent at the family vacation home in Crivitz, Wisconsin, where
23 he loved to go fishing and relax; and

1 WHEREAS, Charles Cuda was preceded in death by his parents;
2 six brothers and one sister; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Cuda is survived by his wife of 69 years,
4 Annie; two sons, Frank (Ann) Cuda, and Steve (Annette) Cuda;
5 and seven grandchildren, Andrew, Leigh, Jay, and Alex Cuda, and
6 Elizabeth Cuda, Maria (Kevin) Hill, and Kathryn Cuda;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Charles Cuda, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
11 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Charles Cuda as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.