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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Keith E. Ehrke Sr. of Woodstock, who 4 passed away on February 7, 2017 at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Keith Ehrke Sr. was born in Woodstock to Norman (Butch) and Arlene Ehrke on January 12, 1944; he grew up in Woodstock and graduated from Woodstock High School in 1962; he married Judy Kulisek on September 25, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Keith Ehrke Sr. worked for the Woodstock Sentinel in the 1970s; he was then owner of KEE's Auto Detailers for several years before working for Warner Offset until his retirement; he delivered the Chicago Tribune and the Sun Times earlier in his life and the Northwest Herald after his retirement; he made many friends on his paper routes; and

WHEREAS, Keith Ehrke Sr. was an avid bowler and was on many leagues at Edgetown Bowl; he loved fishing, golfing, going to the racetrack, and playing the penny machines; most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family; some of his happiest days were when he married his high school sweetheart, when his children were born, and when his beloved Cubbies won the World Series; he was a longtime member of the Woodstock Moose Lodge; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Keith Ehrke Sr. was preceded in death by his
- 2 parents; his wife, Judy; his brother, Roger Ehrke; his nephew,
- 3 Dean Ehrke; and his mother and father-in-law, Lloyd and Eileen
- 4 Kulisek; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Keith Ehrke Sr. is survived by his four children,
- 6 Cindy (Kyle) Horner, Becky (Matt) Pefley, Keith Jr. (Brigid),
- 7 and Jamie (Chris) Seibert; 18 grandchildren, Steven (Kylara),
- 8 Joey (Monica), Jordan (Amber) and Kory Horner, Dominic, Mariah,
- 9 Annileise, Bride, Keira, Eliana, William, Sylvia, and Levi
- 10 Ehrke, Alaina Zolp, Morgan and Jenna Pefley, and Kaleb and
- 11 Brendan Seibert; four great-grandchildren, Aryia, Chloe,
- 12 Conner, and Emma Horner; his sisters, Linda (Jerry) Steig, and
- 13 Sandy (John) Wickham; a sister-in-law, Judy McCowan, as well as
- 14 numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends; therefore, be
- 15 it
- 16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 18 Keith E. Ehrke Sr., and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 20 further
- 21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 22 presented to the family of Keith Ehrke Sr. as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.