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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 Gordon George Frey of Geneva, who passed away on July 22, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Gordon Frey was born in Oak Park to Julius and Frieda (Elfring) Frey on October 5, 1923 and spent his early life in Bensenville; he studied civil engineering at North Central College in Naperville; and

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WHEREAS, Gordon Frey served with the United States Army Corp of Engineers during World War II, locating land mines in France; he was captured and sent to Oflag 64 in Szubin, Poland; as the Russians advanced, he and the other prisoners were forced to march hundreds of miles in freezing temperatures to other camps in Poland and Germany; he was finally liberated in April of 1945 at Moosberg; and

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WHEREAS, Gordon Frey married June on May 29, 1947 and ran his land surveying company from the home that he and June built themselves on land adjacent to June's family farm in Lisle; and

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WHEREAS, Gordon Frey helped establish the Lisle school districts and was a member of the elementary and high school boards in the 1950s; and

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1           WHEREAS, Gordon Frey and June retired to Geneva in 1984  
2           spending the next 30 years doing home improvements,  
3           landscaping, gardening, and enjoying the company of many  
4           wonderful neighbors who became family; his greatest joy was  
5           seeing his family and friends succeed; and

6           WHEREAS, Gordon Frey was preceded in death by his daughter,  
7           Barbara Brodski; and

8           WHEREAS, Gordon Frey is survived by his wife, June; his  
9           children, Bruce (Becky) Frey, Barry (Colleen) Frey, and Beth  
10          (Paul) Von Driska; his grandchildren, Audra (Byron) Hudson,  
11          Benjamin Frey, Michael Von Driska, Ken Biewer, and Kevin  
12          Biewer; his great-grandchild, Cyrus Hudson; and his beloved  
13          cat, "Cat 2", who he and June saved from the streets;  
14          therefore, be it

15          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
16          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17          Gordon George Frey, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
18          family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
19          further

20          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21          presented to the family of Gordon Frey as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.