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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Richard J. Cremeens of Joliet, who passed 4 away on August 25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cremeens was born to Clarence "Bus" and Helen Cremeens on February 23, 1955; he graduated from Joliet Catholic High School in 1973 and received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Lewis University in Romeoville in 1977, where he attended on a wrestling scholarship and was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity; he earned a master's degree in education and guidance/counseling from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cremeens was a licensed mental health counselor at the Will County Mental Health Department; he focused on vulnerable children and adolescents; he would often work all day and be out on call in the evening in emergency departments across Will County; and

WHEREAS, Richard Cremeens was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears and Cubs and relished seeing the Cubs win the 2016 World Series; he was also a horse racing fan and enjoyed visiting with family at Kentucky Derby parties; his passion was his family, and he would say that his greatest accomplishment and

- 1 greatest joy was being a father; and
- 2 WHEREAS, Richard Cremeens was preceded in death by his
- 3 parents; his brothers, Tim and Tom Cremeens; and many other
- 4 friends and family; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Richard Cremeens is survived by his son,
- 6 Christopher Cremeens; his stepdaughter, Danielle (Shaun)
- 7 Kennedy; his brothers, Michael (Ann) Cremeens and James (Judy)
- 8 Cremeens; his sisters, MaryAnn (Marty) Mudron and Maureen
- 9 (Thomas) Cercone; his twin sister, Katherine; 17 nieces and
- nephews; and 38 great-nieces and great-nephews; therefore, be
- 11 it
- 12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 14 Richard J. Cremeens, and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 16 further
- 17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 18 presented to the family of Richard Cremeens as an expression of
- 19 our deepest sympathy.