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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 Jerry Howard Haapanen, who passed away on July 9, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Haapanen was born in Finlayson, Minnesota to Verner "Ben" and Irene (Sironen) Haapanen on August 17, 1944; he received his associate's degree from Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan; he then studied printing management and printing education at South Dakota State University, where he earned two bachelor's degrees; he received his Master of Science in Education from Roosevelt University; he married Kathrine Ecola on July 1, 1967; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Haapanen worked at West High School in Waukegan from 1968-1981; he taught printing and night school, supervised summer printing, and was the yearbook advisor; in 1979, he started a typesetting business which grew into Haapanen Brothers Inc.; he was involved with the company until his death; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Haapanen was a member of the North Shore Craftsman Club, where he served a term as president; he was a board member of the Great Lakes Graphic Arts Association; he was an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church (ELCA),

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1 where he served on the finance committee and as chairman of the  
2 relocation and building committees; and

3 WHEREAS, Jerry Haapanen was preceded in death by his  
4 parents; his sister, Beatrice "Bea" Haapanen, followed him in  
5 death; and

6 WHEREAS, Jerry Haapanen is survived by his wife of 50  
7 years, Kathrine; his sons Jonathan (Sarah) Haapanen and Matthew  
8 (Megan) Haapanen; his daughter, Rebecca Haapanen; his  
9 grandchildren, Ben, Kate, Levi, Reina, and Colin; his brother,  
10 Rick (Lindy) Haapanen; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins;  
11 therefore, be 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 Jerry Howard Haapanen, and extend our sincere condolences to  
15 his 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 Jerry Haapanen as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.