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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 Don Stephen Arnold of Bethalto, who passed away on September 26, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Don Arnold was born in Crab Orchard to Erma (Odom) Arnold and Clifford Arnold on March 19, 1946; he served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam era; he earned a degree in business and marketing from Southern Illinois University Carbondale; he married Joyce Simpson at the Bethalto Church of God on March 14, 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Don Arnold worked as an operator with Shell Oil, now Conoco Phillips, for 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Don Arnold was a member of the Bethalto Church of God for 19 years, where he was also a lay minister; he was Minister of Visitation, coordinator of the Young at Heart Senior Group, an elder, and deacon; he was also involved with the Men's Ministry and taught a Sunday School class; he ministered at Sky Line Apartments and Hillcrest Apartments in Alton; he had a special interest in Project Aliyah, which helps Jewish people return to their homeland; over 15 years, he sponsored the return of 204 Jews to Israel; and

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1 WHEREAS, Don Arnold was preceded in death by his parents;
2 his brother, Darryl Arnold; and his sister, Linda Heltsley; and

3 WHEREAS, Don Arnold is survived by his wife, Joyce; his
4 son, Clayton Arnold; his daughters, Olivia McCray and Sharma
5 Halbert; his grandchildren, Larry McCray, Eleonore Grace
6 Arnold, Zach Finegan, Kayleigh Finegan, and Brenna Halbert; his
7 two stepchildren, his four step-grandchildren; and his
8 sister-in-law, Bonnie Arnold; therefore, be it

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

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Don Arnold as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.