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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 Frederick E. "Fred" Payne of Champaign, who passed away on September 1, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Payne was born at home in London Mills to Floyd and Angie (Essex) Payne on November 8, 1921; he graduated from Abingdon High School, where he played football and basketball, in 1940; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Payne began working for Illinois Bell in 1941; in 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army as a teletype technician; after being honorably discharged, he returned to Illinois Bell, where he worked for 37 years until his retirement in December 1977; while at Illinois Bell, he volunteered with the Telephone Pioneers and was a past president of the Illinois Bell Credit Union; In 1964, he began working at the Assembly Hall, where he started as a gateman and later became gateman supervisor, serving in that capacity for 32 years; he also worked for the University of Illinois Athletic Association ticket office and the Assembly Hall ticket office; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Payne was an election judge and an auditor for the Champaign County Fair Association for many years; he

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1 was a Boy Scout leader, member of the C-U Elks Lodge and Eagles  
2 Lodge, a lifetime member of the American Legion, where he was  
3 presented with a 70-year certificate in March 2017, and a  
4 member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Champaign, where he  
5 was president of council many times; he was an avid fan of the  
6 St. Louis Cardinals and the Fighting Illini; he enjoyed  
7 bowling, basketball, football, golf, waking up early to watch  
8 the sun rise, feeding and watching the birds, and watching and  
9 counting jet trails in the sky; he was a true gentleman; and

10 WHEREAS, Fred Payne was preceded in death by his parents  
11 and four siblings; and

12 WHEREAS, Fred Payne is survived by his wife, Virginia, and  
13 his daughter, Linda Payne; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16 Frederick E. "Fred" Payne and extend our sincere condolences to  
17 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Fred Payne as an expression of our  
21 deepest sympathy.