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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Lawrence "Larry" Robert Wilkinson, who 4 passed away on August 9, 2018 at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Larry Wilkinson was born to Robert and Julie Fitzpatrick Wilkinson on November 10, 1945; he was raised in Ascension parish with his five brothers; he served in the United States Marine Corps and was a Vietnam veteran; he was married to Maureen McGuire Wilkinson for 51 years, and together they raised two children; and

WHEREAS, Larry Wilkinson co-owned Acorn Travel in River Forest with his wife; they acquired the agency in 2000 and shared "the awe and joy of visiting places around the world and around the corner"; and

WHEREAS, Larry Wilkinson was a member of the Khe Sahn Veterans, Marine Corps V Division, the Third Division, and the Marine Corps League; "Semper Fi Larry" joined in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps by banding together with those who are now serving and those who have been honorably discharged to promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy; he was an avid reader,

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- 1 historian, listener, and traveler; he will be remembered as "a
- 2 great guy to all"; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Larry Wilkinson was preceded in death by his
- 4 parents; his brother, John; and his daughter, Sarah; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Larry Wilkinson is survived by his wife, Maureen;
- 6 his son, Andrew (Jennifer); his grandchildren, Satchel,
- 7 Lyshon, and Bronwyn; his brothers, Bob (Kathy), Jim (Gina), Tom
- 8 (Margie), and Dan; his sister-in-law, Mary Wilkinson; his
- 9 nephew, Rick Dassinger; his 58 nieces and nephews; and his 73
- 10 great-nieces and great-nephews; therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 13 Lawrence "Larry" Robert Wilkinson and extend our sincere
- 14 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
- 15 him; and be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 17 presented to the family of Larry Wilkinson as an expression of
- 18 our deepest sympathy.