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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 George Delhaye of Westville, who passed away on August 27, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, George Delhaye was born in Westville to Louis and Helen Ames Delhaye on October 3, 1936; he attended Westville schools and graduated in 1955; he joined the United States Navy Reserve; he married Sonna Shaw on September 9, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, George Delhaye entered the workforce at an early age and began his career at Davies Packing Company; he then worked in building maintenance for Tee Pak and retired in 1999 after 35 years of service; he was a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 686; and

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WHEREAS, George Delhaye was dedicated to the Village of Westville; he was Chairman of the Westville Historical Depot and Museum; he was instrumental in linking the past to the present, most recently with "Our Town Westville," a featured segment on WCIA Channel 3; he helped coordinate the Lithuanian Day in Westville, the new heritage flag, and the new historical mural and coal cars at the depot grounds; as a local historian, he spent many hours collecting and displaying memorabilia, gathering donations, guiding tours, teaching students, and

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1 making sure the depot was maintained; he was honored alongside
2 all committee members of the Westville Depot as Honorary
3 Marshals of the Annual Westville Labor Day Parade and
4 Celebration in 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, George Delhaye was an avid sportsman; early in
6 life, he enjoyed hunting ducks, geese, rabbits, squirrels, and
7 doves; his passion was deer hunting; he was also an experienced
8 angler with a wealth of knowledge; he was a master craftsman
9 and built his own fishing rods and tackle; he owned Rod
10 Crafters and was proud of the custom lures he created; he
11 fished many lake and river systems with his son, Gary; he
12 enjoyed looking for morel and fall mushrooms; he was a
13 dedicated gardener, and his yard was featured on the Vermilion
14 County Garden Walk sponsored by the Master Gardeners; he
15 enjoyed visiting antique shops, flea markets, and garage sales;
16 he had a true humanitarian spirit and was the epitome of
17 volunteerism; he loved his family, friends, and community; and

18 WHEREAS, George Delhaye was preceded in death by his
19 parents; his wife of 50 years, Sonna; his brother, Richard; and
20 his sister, Mae Carstens; and

21 WHEREAS, George Delhaye is survived by his sister, Maryann
22 (Delhaye) Shapuras; his brother-in-law, Bob Shapuras; his
23 sons, Jim (Christine) Delhaye and Gary (Laurie Danzl) Delhaye;

1 his daughter, Georgette (Charles) Sermersheim; his
2 grandchildren, Joey, Elly, and Maddy Sermersheim and Amy
3 Michelin; his great-grandchildren, Aubrie Michelin, Oliver,
4 and a great-granddaughter on the way; and several nieces,
5 nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 George Delhaye and extend our sincere condolences to his
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of George Delhaye as an expression of
13 our deepest sympathy.