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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 James Lowell Fyke of Eureka, who passed away on November 19, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, James Fyke was born on June 14, 1936 in Marion County to Willis Grandville and Tina Myrtle Greenwalt Fyke; his family settled in Peoria when he was 4 years old; he attended Kelly Avenue Grade School in Peoria Heights and graduated from Woodruff High School in Peoria; he married Karen Delane Ludwig on June 6, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, James Fyke worked for Ace Ambulance of Peoria, as a security guard for St. Francis Medical Center, and as a deputy for the Peoria County Sheriff's Department; he began attending Michigan State University in the Police Administration School, graduating in December 1962; he worked for a time as the Director of Records and Communications for the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department and then became a consultant to police and fire departments, and over the next 6 years, consulted for cities from Salt Lake City, Utah to Johnstown, Rhode Island; in 1967, he became chief of police for Inkster, Michigan and in 1969 he began working for Kent State University as a consultant to the local police department, eventually becoming the Kent State University Chief of Police;

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1 in 1972, he became an instructor at Illinois Central College in  
2 the new police training academy; he was a member of the United  
3 States Army Reserve for 6 years; and

4 WHEREAS, James Fyke ran for the post of Sheriff of Peoria  
5 County, and although his attempt was unsuccessful, it resulted  
6 in his being offered the position of United States Marshal for  
7 the Central District of Illinois; he earned many awards during  
8 his 13 years in the position and retired in 1995; and

9 WHEREAS, James Fyke was an active leader at West Bluff  
10 Christian Church in Peoria; he was asked to spend a few weeks  
11 helping at Harristown Christian Church near Decatur, which  
12 turned into a stint of over 18 years; he was a member of the  
13 Woodford County Historical Society, the Rotary Club of Eureka,  
14 and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association; he  
15 also served on the Woodford County Health Department Board; and

16 WHEREAS, James Fyke was preceded in death by his parents;  
17 his son, Matthew Lowell; his niece, Sandra Fyke; and his  
18 brother, Harvey Frank Fyke; and

19 WHEREAS, James Fyke is survived by his wife, Karen; his  
20 daughters, Kristen Fyke, Robin (Christopher) Robinson, and  
21 Susan (Brandon) Bressner; his 8 grandchildren; his 5  
22 great-grandchildren; his siblings, Mary Ellen Yeast, Gary W.

1     Fyke, and Barbara (Marc) Holder; and many nieces and nephews;  
2     therefore, be it

3             RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
4     ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5     James Lowell Fyke, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
6     family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
7     further

8             RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9     presented to the family of James Fyke as an expression of our  
10    deepest sympathy.