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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 William W. "Willie" Irons, Jr. of Oak Park, who passed away on June 29, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, William Irons, Jr. was born on April 12, 1947 in Moberly, Missouri; his parents were William W., Sr. and Jean Irons; and

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WHEREAS, William Irons, Jr. served his country as a member of the United States Army in Vietnam; and

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WHEREAS, William Irons, Jr. was a graduate of Decatur Eisenhower High School; he subsequently attended Columbia College, where he studied photography, and the Coyne Institute, where he learned the HVAC trade; and

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WHEREAS, William Irons, Jr. worked in the maintenance department at Oak Park and River Forest High Schools for 23 years until his retirement in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, William Irons, Jr. was a member of the 5th Army Band and played flute, piccolo, and saxophone; he also played in a number of local ensembles, including the West Suburban Community Band; and

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1 WHEREAS, William Irons, Jr. was an avid reader, modeler,
2 machinist, and photographer; he was also a lover of old-time
3 radio shows; and

4 WHEREAS, William Irons, Jr. is survived by his wife, Mary
5 Rose "Mitzi" (nee Jamnik); his brother, James (Jonetta); his
6 brother-in-law, Yanez Jamnik; and his nieces and nephews,
7 Jonathan (fiancee, Allison Mickel) Irons, Joseph Irons,
8 Karolena Jamnik, Justyna (Dan) Melehan, and Jason (Danielle)
9 Jamnik; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
12 family and friends, mourn the passing of William W. "Willie"
13 Irons, Jr.; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of William Irons, Jr. as an expression
16 of our sympathy.