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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 Donald Leo Wendle of Godfrey, who passed away on March 2, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Wendle was born in Alton on January 2, 1934 to Leo Louis and Helen Virginia (nee Groshan) Wendle; following graduation from St. Mary's Elementary School and Alton High School in 1951, he attended Shurtleff College; on October 24, 1959, he married Janis Kathryn Miller at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Wendle began his career with Owens-Illinois (O-I) Glass Co. in Alton; by way of the bus and hitch hiking, he completed night classes to earn dual associate degrees in drafting and engineering design from Washington University in 1956; in 1994, he retired from O-I as a manufacturing engineer at the Godfrey Machine Manufacturing facility; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Wendle had a life-long passion for golf that began as a young caddy, and includes 3 hole-in-ones; he shot his age several times; he was inducted into the Alton Golf Hall of Fame in 2007; his love for fishing centered on local farm ponds north of Brighton, Canada and the Michigan Upper

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1 Peninsula; he and his wife enjoyed travelling to elder hostels
2 and other attractions with friends and family throughout the
3 United States and Canada; in 2002, he created detailed drawings
4 of Robert Wadlow's giant chair for artist Jerry McKenna,
5 sculptor of the bronze replica that accompanies the Wadlow
6 statue in Alton; and

7 WHEREAS, Donald Wendle was a life-long member of St. Mary's
8 Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus; and

9 WHEREAS, Donald Wendle was preceded in death by his parents
10 and his siblings, Virginia (Gin) White, Eugene (Gene), Gerald
11 (Jerry), and Paul; and

12 WHEREAS, Donald Wendle is survived by his wife, Janis; his
13 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren,
14 Anthony (Tony) Wendle, with son, Lucas; Eric and Marci (nee
15 Roberts) Wendle, with children, Paige, Jayne, Peter, Maria,
16 Monica, and Thomas; Anne and Mike Schleeper, with son, Michael,
17 his wife, Heather, and their children, Keyton and Kaden and
18 son, Dustin, his wife, Elisabeth, and their children, Caleb and
19 Nicholas; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Donald Leo Wendle, and extend our sincere condolences to his

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Donald Wendle as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.