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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 Robert Dean Albracht of Rock Island, who passed away on February 6, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Albracht was born on September 26, 1943 to Germaine and Leander Albracht; he graduated from Alleman High School in 1961; he served with the United States Army in Vietnam and married Nanette Sheley on August 14, 1971; he graduated with a degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Albracht worked as a civil engineer for more than 20 years, primarily with the United States Army Corps of Engineers on Arsenal Island; he continued to serve his country in the United States Army Reserve; he made a career change and joined the St. Louis Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as a criminal intelligence officer; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Albracht retired from the DEA after being recalled to active military duty following the attacks on September 11, 2001; as a United States Army Criminal Investigative Division Special Agent, he was sent to the Pentagon crash site, where he performed evidence recovery and

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1 forensics duty; thereafter, he was assigned to a protection  
2 detail for the Secretary of Defense and the U.S. Army Joint  
3 Chiefs of Staff; he then led a Drug Suppression Team at Fort  
4 Stewart, Georgia, where he was recognized for his outstanding  
5 performance; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Albracht served with the 5th Special Forces  
7 Group in Vietnam and wore his green beret with pride; he was a  
8 combat-decorated veteran with 22 years of service and was the  
9 recipient of 2 Bronze Stars (one for Combat Valor), 2 Army  
10 commendations (one for Combat Valor), the Combat Infantryman's  
11 Badge, and numerous other awards and decorations; in recent  
12 years, he had become active in Vietnam Veterans of America  
13 Chapter 299, serving as its secretary; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Albracht spent his time traveling with his  
15 wife, working out at the Arsenal, restoring his (still  
16 incomplete) 1973 Firebird, guiding his sons in home improvement  
17 projects, and tirelessly renovating his home -- a still  
18 unfinished project 31 years in the works; he still found time  
19 to serve his local community as a Reserve Police Sergeant with  
20 the Rock Island Auxiliary Police Force; and

21 WHEREAS, Robert Albracht was preceded in death by his  
22 parents; his son, Grant Michael; his sister, Mary Beth Hicock;  
23 and his brother-in-law, John (Jack) Sheley; and

1           WHEREAS, Robert Albracht is survived by his wife of 43  
2 years, Nanette; his daughter and son-in-law, Danielle Albracht  
3 and Edward Jack; his sons and daughters-in-law Brandon and  
4 Ashley Albracht and Jerad and Elizabeth Albracht; his  
5 grandchildren, Molly, Natalie, Kellan, Shay, Erin, and Trent;  
6 his sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Paul Fischer; his  
7 brother and sister-in-law, William and Mary Albracht; his  
8 brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Beth Albracht; his  
9 brother-in-law, Jeff Hicock; his sisters-in-law, Nancy  
10 Michalski and Ann Sheley; numerous nieces and nephews; a large,  
11 loving, extended family; and friends too numerous to count;  
12 therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15 Robert Dean Albracht, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
17 further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Robert Albracht as an expression of  
20 our deepest sympathy.