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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 John "Jack" Kerwin, who passed away on May 23, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, John Kerwin was born on December 21, 1925 in Joliet; his parents were Raymond and Dorothy (nee Iverson) Kerwin; and

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WHEREAS, John Kerwin attended Joliet Township High School, where he graduated in 1944; after high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was a survivor of Iwo Jima; he was a recipient of a Purple Heart for his service; and

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WHEREAS, John Kerwin worked as a machinist at Commonwealth Edison for over 35 years; and

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WHEREAS, John Kerwin was a lifetime member of the Moran Athletic Club and a member of the Senior Citizens Association; he also enjoyed golfing with the Medicare League, ushering at St. Mary Nativity Church, and taking a stroll with his four-legged furry companion, Abby; and

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WHEREAS, John Kerwin is preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (nee Petrilla) Kerwin; a grandmother, Nettie Kerwin;

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1 his parents; and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces,
2 nephews, and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, John Kerwin is survived by 4 children, Karen
4 (Dale) O'Connell, Robert Kerwin, Holly Kerwin, and Mary Kay
5 (Stephen) McGrath; 9 grandchildren, Kelli (Tony) Giese, Casey,
6 Katie, and Kevin O'Connell, Jennifer (Bryan Kalina) and Stacey
7 (Brandon Jordan) Kerwin, and Mary Grace, Margaret, and Sean
8 McGrath; 5 great-grandchildren, Faith, Kobe, and Darren Jordan
9 and Samantha and Elizabeth Giese; a brother-in-law, George
10 (Helen) Petrilla; 2 sisters-in-law, Barbara Pekar and Helen
11 Graf; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
14 family and friends, mourn the passing of John "Jack" Kerwin;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of John Kerwin as an expression of our
18 sympathy.