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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 Ordwin A. "Rocky" Schoenrock of Springfield, who passed away on September 2, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Ordwin Schoenrock was born in Wilton Township, Minnesota on May 30, 1922 to Otto and Magdalena Schoenrock; he served in the United States Navy as a sonarman on the Destroyer Escort USS Inch during World War II; he also served as an interpreter for German sailors captured after the sinking of the U490 German submarine in the North Atlantic in June of 1944; he married Evelyn Brewer on April 10, 1954; and

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WHEREAS, After the war, Ordwin Schoenrock attended the American Academy of Art School in Chicago; he then moved to Springfield to work as display advertising director for the S.A. Barker Co. and as sign designer for the Sheehan Sign Company; in 1959, he was employed by the State Journal-Register as an advertising artist; and

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WHEREAS, In 1969, Ordwin Schoenrock began a series of local and area church paintings that were published on Christmas Day each year for over 20 years; over 20 church paintings are on display at the State Journal-Register; and

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1           WHEREAS, Ordwin Schoenrock was preceded in death by his  
2 wife, Evelyn, and his granddaughter, Tayla Skaggs-Cook; and

3           WHEREAS, Ordwin Schoenrock is survived by his daughters,  
4 Susan (Robert) Braasch, Penny (Daniel) Skaggs, and Terri Ann  
5 (Paul) Zell; his 6 grandchildren, Eleanor and Madeline Braasch  
6 and Daniel, Nick, Kris, and Nathan Skaggs; his 12  
7 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Verla (John) Conway;  
8 therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Ordwin A. "Rocky" Schoenrock, and extend our sincere  
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
13 him; and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Ordwin Schoenrock as an expression  
16 of our deepest sympathy.