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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 Theodore Carl "Papa Ted" Richter, who passed away on October 4, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Theodore Richter was born on February 7, 1941 and grew up in North Chicago; his parents were William and Genevieve (nee O'Dette) Richter; he graduated from North Chicago High School in 1960, where he excelled in football and wrestling; and

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WHEREAS, In his younger years, Theodore Richter volunteered for the North Chicago Fire Department; he subsequently owned Lakeland Bus Lines for many years; for the past 25 years, he was the owner of JR's Wrecker Services in Waukegan; and

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WHEREAS, Theodore Richter enjoyed hunting, racing, snowmobiling, four wheeling, and collecting, racing, and working on cars; at Waukegan Speedway, he became known as the "Flying Fatman" and was the 1974 track champion; he was also a proud sponsor and driver at the Lake County Fair Demolition Derby for over 20 years; in his later years, his favorite place was his lake house in Stephenson, Michigan, where he spent time with his family and friends; and

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1           WHEREAS, Theodore Richter was preceded in death by his  
2 parents and his brother, William Richter, Jr.; and

3           WHEREAS, Theodore Richter is survived by his children,  
4 Kellie (Jeff) Indlecoffer, Ted (Susan) Richter, Jodi (Jim)  
5 Bacon, Cindy Richter, and Chris (Brandy) Spaulding; his  
6 grandchildren, Johnny, Sarah, and Leah Indlecoffer, Kent,  
7 Kevin, and Brett Richter, Lanie and Lindy Bacon, and Emma,  
8 Alli, and Chase Spaulding; his fiancée, Marge Balicki, and her  
9 children, Tom and Margie; and his close friends, Keith Borg,  
10 Pat Barbee, and Mike Shauer; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Theodore Carl "Papa  
14 Ted" Richter; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Theodore Richter as an expression of  
17 our sympathy.