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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of Dennis DeToye; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis DeToye taught for over 35 years; he spent  
5 his entire teaching career as an art teacher and Art Department  
6 Chair at Edwardsville High School; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Dennis DeToye would spend  
8 several hours a day, often long into the night, working on  
9 large-scale portraits; his paintings have hung in several  
10 galleries in the St. Louis region; he purchased close to 100  
11 pieces of student artwork, which he later donated back to  
12 Edwardsville High School; he and his wife filled their home  
13 with his work and the work of other local and regional artists;  
14 he was proud of the part he played in finding a home for the  
15 Edwardsville Art Center in Edwardsville High School and was  
16 humbled when the student gallery at the Center was named in his  
17 honor; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis DeToye served as Mayor of Edwardsville; he  
19 had a positive impact on the growth and development of  
20 Edwardsville and was especially proud that his name is on the  
21 plaque dedicating the new wing of the Edwardsville Public  
22 Library; and

1           WHEREAS, Dennis DeToye loved ESIC Baptist Church and served  
2 as deacon and trustee there for years; at various times in his  
3 life, he was also an airplane pilot, a football coach, a  
4 community theater performer, a Student Council Advisor, a world  
5 traveler, an unpublished novelist, a bicyclist, an activist,  
6 and a best friend; and

7           WHEREAS, Dennis DeToye was the best husband and best friend  
8 to his wife, Lela; he was a devoted and loving father to his  
9 daughters, Anne and Kate; he was a role model for his  
10 sons-in-law, Cody Moore and Zac Friederich; he was a proud and  
11 doting grandfather for Emma and Joey Moore and Olive  
12 Friederich; 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 Dennis DeToye, 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 Dennis DeToye as an expression of  
20 our deepest sympathy.