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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 Egan of Lombard, who passed away on December 4, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, John Egan was born in Joliet on March 16, 1924; he graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1941 and Joliet Junior College in 1943; he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp., serving in World War II as a 1st Lieutenant in Sansavero, Italy, where he flew P-38s as a photo reconnaissance pilot; after the war, he attended the University of Colorado in Boulder from 1945 to 1947, graduating as Outstanding Senior of the Business School and Outstanding Senior Man, for which he was honored as Cane Bearer; he married Virginia "Sunny" Nelson in Denver, Colorado on July 5, 1947, and they settled in Lombard in 1948; and

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WHEREAS, John Egan was employed at American National Bank from 1947 to 1957; following that, he joined Container Corporation of America in 1957, where he held various positions; in 1965, he was made Assistant Treasurer for the company until 1986, when it was sold; he also worked for the Gateway Foundation, McDermott and Associates, the Executive Service Corp., and the Marillac House; and

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1 WHEREAS, John Egan joined the Jaycees in 1950 and received
2 their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2003; and

3 WHEREAS, As a young person John Egan's love of sports and
4 the outdoors led him to become involved with the Lombard Park
5 District in 1950, when he was appointed to the Recreation
6 Commission; in 1953, he was appointed to fill an unexpired term
7 and became the youngest member to serve on a local park board
8 and the youngest park commissioner in Illinois; from that time
9 on, his name became synonymous with all the progress and
10 accomplishments made by the Lombard Park District; he served on
11 various committees, was instrumental in purchasing new park
12 properties, and served as President of the board from 1976 to
13 1991; he was most proud of the board's decisions to expand the
14 number of parks by acquiring open land, to include programs and
15 facilities for persons with disabilities, and to promote more
16 athletics for women; and

17 WHEREAS, John Egan also help organize NEDSRA, served in
18 several positions in the Lombard Historical Society, helped
19 co-chair the DuPage Theater Committee, worked on various
20 village commissions, and organized many sports leagues and
21 associations; golf was his passion, and he enjoyed weekly games
22 and tournaments that he chaired; he was also a long-time member
23 of Sacred Heart Church and served in many volunteer positions;
24 he attended mass every day throughout most of his adult life;

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2 WHEREAS, John Egan was preceded in death by his wife,
3 Sunny; his sister, Kathleen; his son, Joseph; and his grandson,
4 Justin; and

5 WHEREAS, John Egan is survived by his children John,
6 Michael (Sandra), Patrick (Karen), Nancy (Ronn) Ammons, Kath,
7 and (Steve) Hoelter; his 15 grandchildren; and his 14
8 great-grandchildren; 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 John Egan, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
12 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of John Egan as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.