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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 William C. "Bill" Conro, Jr. of Hampshire, who passed away on January 12, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, William Conro, Jr. was born in Hampshire to William and Delia (nee Herrmann) Conro on January 9, 1927; he graduated from Hampshire High School in 1944 and enlisted in the United States Navy; during World War II, he served in the Pacific Theater as a motor machinist mate; he married Anita "Sis" Petersen on January 26, 1949; following his wife's passing, he married Carol Herrmann on October 19, 1992; and

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WHEREAS, William Conro, Jr. worked for over 40 years for Swift & Company, an ice cream distributor, in sales and as a driver; and

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WHEREAS, William Conro, Jr. was supportive of his community and served the Township senior citizens as a volunteer driver of the senior bus; he had been a member of the Hampshire Lions Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8043; he received the Earl Engel Award in 2011 for his community service; he was a lifelong member of the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and served on the parish board and as a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters; and

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1 WHEREAS, William Conro, Jr. was the basketball coach at the
2 St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School for 18 years; he loved
3 basketball and was an avid fan of the Hampshire Whip-Purs and
4 the Fighting Illini; he enjoyed taking many trips over the
5 years with friends to the Illinois State High School Basketball
6 Finals; and

7 WHEREAS, William Conro, Jr. was preceded in death by his
8 parents; his first wife, Anita; his son, Kim; his brother,
9 Jerry (Lois) Conro; and 2 sisters in infancy; and

10 WHEREAS, William Conro, Jr. is survived by his wife, Carol;
11 his sons, Mark (Tammi) and Sam (Domenica); his daughter, Wendy
12 Harries; his 8 grandchildren, Jonathan (Monica) Conro,
13 Benjamin (Gwen) Conro, Sammy (Kristin) Conro, Kevin Conro,
14 Trisha Conro, Tina (Ron) Bass, Devin Harries, and Emily
15 Harries; his 2 stepdaughters, Barbara (Doug) Goff and Laurie
16 (John, Jr.) Rich; his 18 great-grandchildren; his sister,
17 Elaine (Eugene) Diedrick; and several nieces and nephews;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
21 William C. "Bill" Conro, Jr., and extend our sincere
22 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved

1 him; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of William Conro, Jr. as an expression
4 of our deepest sympathy.