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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 Stephen R. Ellsworth of Edwardsville, who passed away on February 27, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Ellsworth was born in Vandalia to Ralph and Twila (Cunningham) Ellsworth on February 3, 1943; he attended Highland High School for 3 years and graduated from Edwardsville High School in 1961; he married Rae M. Yehling at the LeClaire Christian Church in Edwardsville on February 22, 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Ellsworth owned and operated the Texaco Service Station on the corner of Buchanan and East Vandalia Streets in Edwardsville; he began a 48-year career with the State Farm Insurance Company in 1967, sharing an office with his father for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Ellsworth served as Mayor of the City of Edwardsville from 1977 to 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Ellsworth was a member and past President of the Board of the First Christian Church in Edwardsville; he served on the City of Edwardsville Zoning Board and the Public Safety Facilities Committee; he served as President of the

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1 Edwardsville Jaycees of which he was a Jaycee Senator, as Board
2 Member of the Boy Scouts of America, as past Chairman of the
3 Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation, and as past
4 President of the Edwardsville Rotary Club; and

5 WHEREAS, Stephen Ellsworth was preceded in death by his
6 parents; his brothers-in-law, Gary Baker and Ron Yehling; and
7 his nephews, Scott Baker and Carter Albrecht; and

8 WHEREAS, Stephen Ellsworth is survived by his wife of 52
9 years, Rae; his daughter, Kris Ellsworth and husband, John
10 Dickshot; his son, Kurt Ellsworth and wife, Janel; his
11 grandchildren, Cameron, Jennie, Lily, and Cooper; his three
12 sisters, Joan Baker, Judy Albrecht and husband, Ken, and Renee
13 Allen and husband, Steve; and his nieces and nephews, Jill
14 Findley and husband, Eric, Chelsea Pershall and husband, JR,
15 Tad Allen and wife, Kaci, Samantha Allen, Rod Yehling, and
16 Pamela Albrecht and husband, Richard; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Stephen R. Ellsworth, and extend our sincere condolences to his
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Stephen Ellsworth as an expression
2 of our deepest sympathy.