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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 Gerard F. "Jerry" Idstein of McHenry, who passed away on March 5, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Gerard Idstein was born in Chicago to James H. and Margaret (Walsh) Idstein on May 26, 1926; he graduated from Lane Technical High School in Chicago and served in the United States Army during World War II in the South Pacific with the 32nd (Red Arrow) Division; he married Mary Julia Boarini at Immaculate Conception Church on April 22, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Gerard Idstein owned Jim and Jerry's Hardware; he was also owner and operator of the Arbor Resort and Marina on Bluff Lake in Antioch; for 35 years, he was Building Manager of the Heritage Professional Building in Antioch; he served as President of the Fox Lake Chamber of Commerce; and

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WHEREAS, Gerard Idstein enjoyed playing golf with the Johnsburg and Antioch Golf Leagues; he loved spending time on the water with family and friends on his pontoon boat; family vacations in Arkansas were the highlight of his life; he was also a fine woodworker and crafted many pieces of beautiful furniture; his family referred to him as "Jack of all trades-Master of All"; one of his greatest pleasures was being

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1 an usher at the 7 o'clock mass at St. John the Baptist Church;
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3 WHEREAS, Gerard Idstein was preceded in death by his
4 parents; his brother, James; and his sisters, Merikay and Anna
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6 WHEREAS, Gerard Idstein is survived by his wife of 65
7 years, Mary; his children, Marybeth (Rip) Edmundson, Jerry
8 (Peggy), John (Debbie), Hugh (Peggy), and Peter; his
9 grandchildren, Lara (Bill), Maria (John), Kevin (Amanda),
10 Brian, Dan (Katie), Mary Ellen (Patrick), Megan (Jake),
11 Patrick, Spencer (Crystal), Kyle (Elizabeth), Benjamin
12 (Katie), and Timothy; his 13 great-grandchildren; his sister,
13 Margaret (James) Boarini; and many other relatives; therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Gerard F. "Jerry" Idstein, and extend our sincere condolences
18 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Gerard Idstein as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.