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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 Dale Edwin Burklund of Peoria Heights, who passed away on May 3, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Burklund was born on January 6, 1926 in Peoria; his parents were Edwin O. and Lucile Burklund; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Burklund graduated from Woodruff High School in 1943 and attended Purdue University from 1943 to 1945; he later served as a pilot with the United States Army Air Corps in Texas and was part of the 2011 Honor Flight; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Burklund was the owner of Burklund Distributors, Inc. in East Peoria and served as its Chairman and CEO from 1990 until his passing; he was a Founder of the Par-A-Dice Riverboat Casino in East Peoria and was the organization's President and Chairman from 1990 to 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Burklund was the President of the National Candy Wholesalers Association in 1976-1977 and volunteered for many other industry endeavors; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Burklund served as a Board Member of the Proctor Healthcare Foundation, a Trustee of the Eureka College

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1 Board, a Board Member of the Easter Seals/UCP and a Tribute  
2 Dinner Honoree, Chairman of the Better Business Bureau, and a  
3 Campaign Manager for WTVP Capital; he was also a member of the  
4 First Christian Church of Peoria, the Country Club of Peoria,  
5 the Illinois Valley Yacht Club, Mohammed Shrine-Temple Lodge  
6 #40, and the Royal Order of the Jesters; and

7 WHEREAS, Dale Burklund was a recipient of the Peoria  
8 Chamber Tom Connor Award and was proud to have supported the  
9 Red Cross by donating over 15 gallons of blood over his  
10 lifetime; and

11 WHEREAS, Dale Burklund enjoyed fishing near Minaki,  
12 Ontario, Canada, rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals, boating,  
13 and a good cigar; and

14 WHEREAS, Dale Burklund was preceded in death by his wife of  
15 63 years, Shirley Burklund; and

16 WHEREAS, Dale Burklund is survived by his children, Janet  
17 Singer, Joyce Perino, Jayme (Rob) Hackett, and Jon (Rita)  
18 Burklund; his grandchildren, Jenn Perino, Frank (Julie) Perino  
19 II, Sarah (Jesse) McDonald, Rob (Lisa) Hackett II, Steven  
20 (Marie) Meints, Kelly (Justin) Puent, Corey (Paige) Burklund,  
21 and Abbi Singer; 13 great-grandchildren, plus another due in  
22 November of 2016; his sister, Carol Murowchick; and his canine

1 companion, Happy; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
4 family and friends, mourn the passing of Dale Edwin Burklund;  
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Dale Burklund as an expression of  
8 our sympathy.