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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 Ferdinand "Ferd" H. Raffel, Jr. of Woodstock, who passed away on October 19, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Ferdinand Raffel, Jr. was born on January 1, 1932 in Woodstock; his parents were Ferdinand and Martha Raffel; he married Carol Stecker on December 13, 1953 at the First United Methodist Church in Woodstock; and

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WHEREAS, Ferdinand Raffel, Jr. served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict; he was a member of the Woodstock Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5040 and served for several years as a member of the Honor Guard; and

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WHEREAS, Ferdinand Raffel, Jr. was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Woodstock and enjoyed ushering for many worship services; he was an avid woodworker, making special projects for his grandchildren and teaching them the woodworking skills to create their own masterpieces; he also enjoyed spending time with his loving family; and

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WHEREAS, Ferdinand Raffel, Jr. was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Lucy Poelling; his brother, Richard Raffel; and his brothers-in-law, Ralph Lang and Bill Stecker;

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2 WHEREAS, Ferdinand Raffel, Jr. is survived by his wife,
3 Carol Raffel; his children, Don (Cheryl) Raffel, Janette (Dan)
4 Hess, and Barb (Keith) Sova; his grandchildren, Brittany (Marc)
5 Hinderlider, Andrew Raffel, Renee Merz, David Hess, Brian Hess,
6 Shannon (Greg) Topf, Rebecca Friedel, and Randy (Roseanna)
7 Sova; his great-grandchildren, John McMahon, Alysia Foat,
8 Aubrey Hinderlider, and Emma Hinderlider; his brother, Ted
9 (Donna) Raffel; his brother-in-law, Ralph (Shirley) Stecker;
10 his sisters-in-law, Marian Lang and Anita Stecker; and many
11 nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
14 family and friends, mourn the passing of Ferdinand "Ferd" H.
15 Raffel, Jr.; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Ferdinand Raffel, Jr. as an
18 expression of our sympathy.