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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 James Asa Wolf Jr. of Waukegan, who passed away on October 30, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, James Wolf Jr. was born in Benton Harbor, Michigan to James Asa and Marie Sticha Wolf on July 30, 1921; he grew up in Waukegan and graduated from Waukegan Township High School (WTHS) in 1939; he attended Millikin University in Decatur for a year and joined the United States Army Air Force in 1943, where he became an airplane and engine mechanic with the 830th Bombardment Squadron; he was honorably discharged in 1946 as a Sergeant; he reentered the service as a reservist from 1949 to 1952; he married Amanda Kerpan on June 20, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, James Wolf Jr. was employed by EJ&E Railway for 39 years; he often took on part time jobs; and

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WHEREAS, James Wolf Jr. was a longtime member of St. Anastasia Catholic Church, volunteering wherever he was needed; he was a member of American Legion Post 281 and the United Transportation Union Alumni Association; he and his wife served on every WTHS Class of 1939 reunion committee, until the final gathering was held 70 years to the day after graduation; and

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1 WHEREAS, James Wolf Jr. liked to travel, whether driving on
2 cross-country road trips, relaxing on the train, or enjoying a
3 cruise; he especially enjoyed the Hawaiian Islands and Arizona;
4 he was a bargain hunter and an animal lover; and

5 WHEREAS, James Wolf Jr. was preceded in death by his
6 parents; his brother, Lindell (Margaret) Wolf; his sisters,
7 Marie (Edwin) Parkhurst, and Virginia (William) Smale; his
8 son-in-law, Gary Palmisano; and past members of the Wolf and
9 Kerpan families; and

10 WHEREAS, James Wolf Jr. is survived by his wife of 63
11 years, Amanda; his children, Barbara (Michael Staggs), James
12 (Lisa Curtis), and Jean-Marie (Brent Randol); his
13 granddaughters, Caroline Palmisano, and Liesl Wolf-Heinemann;
14 his brother-in-law, Michael Kerpan; his sisters-in-law, Lois
15 Kerpan, and Betty Kerpan; his nieces and nephews, Ann, Sandy,
16 Ed, Donna, Nancy, Bill, Charlie, and many more Wolf and Kerpan
17 nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews; he was thankful for
18 the special help he received from his devoted nieces, Donna
19 Parkhurst, and Ginni Kerpan; his nephew, John Kerpan; and his
20 brother-in-law, Mike Kerpan; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 James Asa Wolf Jr., and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of James Wolf Jr. as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.