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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 Rev. Rollin Gordon Oswald, who passed away on November 17, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Oswald was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Gordon and Myrtle Oswald on June 17, 1925; he graduated from Roosevelt Senior High School in 1943 and enlisted in the United States Marines during World War II; he transferred to the United States Navy V12 program, where he earned a bachelor's degree from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania during his service; upon being discharged, he studied at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, completing a Bachelor of Divinity; he married Loraine Jones in Cedar Rapids on June 20, 1948, and a year later, he was ordained in the Methodist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Oswald served as the Superintendent for the Cedar Rapids School District; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Oswald and his wife served in churches across the state of Iowa, including in St. Ansgar, Little Cedar, Dubuque, Mount Vernon, Iowa Falls, and West Des Moines; in 1982, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Simpson College; after retirement in 1988, he continued his

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1 ministry as an associate at St. James United Methodist Church  
2 and as Chaplain at Meth-Wick Community in Cedar Rapids; and

3 WHEREAS, Rev. Oswald was an avid gardener, photographer,  
4 reader, and strong supporter of education; and

5 WHEREAS, Rev. Oswald was preceded in death by his wife,  
6 Loraine; his brother, Gene Oswald; his sister, Doris West; his  
7 parents; his parents-in-law, Thomas and Mabel Jones; and his  
8 sister-in-law, Patricia Jones; and

9 WHEREAS, Rev. Oswald is survived by his sons, Mark (Jo)  
10 Gordon, and Peter (Maureen) Thomas; his daughters, Deborah (Ed)  
11 Jones Tierney, and Rebekah Ann (Bob) Lane; his brother-in-law,  
12 Thomas Marion (Joyce) Jones Jr.; his grandchildren, Anne (Mark)  
13 Dysinger, Elizabeth (Alex) Pinnell, Amanda Oswald, Jessica  
14 (Jason) Davis, Peter (Brogan) Oswald II, Samuel Oswald, Jacob  
15 (Amanda) Steward, Jill (Tim) Henninger, Kate (Ross) Huff,  
16 Patrick Tierney, Allison Lane, and Ryan Lane; his  
17 great-grandchildren, Olivia and Benjamin Pinnell, Lucy  
18 Dysinger, Piper, Max, and Remy Davis, Carter Zilm, Charlee  
19 Steward, Kasten Henninger, and Rhett and Reid Huff; therefore,  
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21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Rev. Rollin Gordon Oswald, and extend our sincere condolences  
2 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
3 it further

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