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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 Edward "Ed" Vincent of Oak Park, who passed away on October 3, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Ed was born to Edward R. and Erna H. Vincent on May 26, 1957; with the exception of one year, he lived his whole life in Oak Park; as a child, he took in injured wild animals and nursed them back to health until he could let them go; he attended Oak Park River Forest High School, where he ran track; he attended Washburn Trade School to learn tool and die making; his interest in tool and die also aligned with his opposition to the Vietnam War; tool and die makers were needed on the homefront during the war and he believed that as a career pursuit, tool and die might help him to avoid getting drafted; and

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WHEREAS, Ed was known as a person who did not give up on people, particularly those who were struggling; he touched many lives by reaching out during hard times to connect individuals to other friends, an interest, a job, or a social service that could help them to get back on their feet, a practice he cherished; and

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WHEREAS, Ed was very interested in foreign languages; he

1 spoke German fluently and spoke some words in many other
2 languages; he enjoyed detecting and deciphering accents to
3 determine the language of origin and to encourage the speaker
4 to teach him new words or phrases; he had a great memory for
5 words, pronunciation, and adaptability of foreign languages;
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7 WHEREAS, Ed was interested in writing and completed several
8 unpublished children's books and works of science fiction; he
9 was interested in geology, paleontology, anthropology, and
10 cars and other machines; he was known for his insatiable
11 curiosity; he had an interest in everything and a desire to
12 always know more about any topic that came before him; and

13 WHEREAS, Ed operated one of the first bulletin board
14 services, a precursor to the modern-day Internet; he published
15 online neighborhood news websites at the Oak Park Journal and
16 Forest Park Journal; and

17 WHEREAS, Ed enjoyed traveling the world; and

18 WHEREAS, Ed is survived by his wife, Cristen, and many
19 other friends and loved ones; therefore, be it

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

1 Edward "Ed" Vincent, 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 Edward Vincent as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.