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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 Richard L. "Dick" Taylor of Rantoul, who passed away on July 18, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Taylor was born in Carbondale to Leonard and Doris Taylor on March 12, 1939; he graduated from Fisher Grade School in 1953 and Rantoul Township High School in 1957; he received his bachelor's degree in education from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1961 and was proud to be a Saluki; he earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois; he then received a specialist degree in school administration from the University of Illinois; he married Carolyn Kaler at St. Malachy Catholic Church on August 27, 1960; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Taylor was a teacher, coach, and school administrator; he worked at many schools, but spent the majority of his career in the Rantoul and Fisher school districts; he loved all sports, but high school sports had a special place in his heart; he was passionate about learning and a dedicated educator; in the years after his retirement, he looked for better ways to work with children and help them reach their potential; he kept a stack of books next to his chair and notebooks filled with ideas and inspiration; and

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1 WHEREAS, Richard Taylor also had a passion for travel; he
2 kept an atlas nearby and planned many trips; some of his
3 family's dearest memories resulted from these plans; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Taylor passed many gifts on to his
5 children and grandchildren; the most treasured gift was his
6 ability to fight through adversity and never give up; he
7 demonstrated this characteristic daily; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard Taylor was preceded in death by his
9 parents; his granddaughter, Elizabeth Marlene Remington; his
10 grandson, Luke Kaler Remington; and his sisters-in-law,
11 Margaret Anne (Jack) Herbert, Marlene (Jim) Micheletti, Kay
12 (Bob) Neitzel, and Jane Anderson; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard Taylor is survived by his wife, Carolyn;
14 his sons, Michael (Theresa) Taylor, Mark (Stacey) Taylor, and
15 Sean (Lisa) Taylor; his daughter, Erin (Brian) Remington; his
16 grandchildren, Sean, Ryan, Casey, Samantha, Shelby, Karly,
17 Conor, Whitney, Kyle, Cory, and Brendan; and his
18 step-grandchildren, Shawna (Troy) Jameson, Dustin (Emily)
19 Remington, and Ashley (Jacob) Pruiett; his
20 step-great-grandchildren, Emma, Lily, Shelby, Tristan, Ames,
21 Abe, Hadley, Kade, and Adalynn; his sisters Sharon (Dean)
22 Stevens and Vicki (Jim) Smith; his sister-in-law Hanora Kaler;

1 and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Richard L. Taylor, and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Richard L. Taylor as an expression
9 of our deepest sympathy.