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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 Gerard "Jerry" Louis O'Neill of Champaign, who passed away on March 21, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry O'Neill was born in Champaign to John F. and Marjorie O'Neill on December 22, 1935; he graduated from Champaign High School in 1954; he earned a degree in agriculture economics from the University of Illinois in 1958; upon graduating from college, he served his country as a first lieutenant in the United States Army in Korea and Fort Knox, Kentucky from 1958 until 1960; he returned to the University of Illinois and earned an executive Master of Business Administration in 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry O'Neill served a leadership role as president and chairman of the board of American National Bank and later worked for Marine Bank, Bank One, and Chase; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry O'Neill served many local charitable and civic organizations, including the United Way, the Champaign Chamber of Commerce, the Champaign Police and Fire Commission, Busey First National Bank, the Jaycees, where he received the Distinguished Service Award, the Community Foundation, the Champaign Country Club, the Disabled Citizens Foundation, the

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1 Kiwanis Club, St. Thomas More High School's Finance Committee,
2 the Green Meadow Girl Scout Council, the Developmental Services
3 Center, the City of Champaign Community Development Advisory
4 Board, Delta Tau Delta, Provena Covenant Board of Directors,
5 the Champaign Girls Club, the Girl Scout Council, and the
6 America Business Woman's Association, where he was named Boss
7 of the Year; and

8 WHEREAS, In his free time, Jerry O'Neill enjoyed golf,
9 racquetball, skiing, bocce ball, fishing, traveling, and
10 watching his children and grandchildren play sports; his
11 leadership qualities and dry sense of humor will be missed, but
12 he leaves behind a legacy of community service; and

13 WHEREAS, Jerry O'Neill was preceded in death by his
14 parents; and

15 WHEREAS, Jerry O'Neill is survived by his wife, Isabel; his
16 children, Diane (Gary) Ballegeer and David (Kathy) O'Neill; his
17 grandchildren, Gail (Heath) Lewis, Joe and Paul (Leigh Ann)
18 Ballegeer, and Conor, Robby, and Matt O'Neill; his
19 great-grandchildren, Isabel and Wellington; and his siblings,
20 Gene and Richard (Bonnie) O'Neill; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Gerard "Jerry" Louis O'Neill 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 Jerry O'Neill as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.