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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 Ronald K. Ernat of Rock Island, who passed away on April 15, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Ernat was born in Peru to Roman and Pearl Jaraczewski Ernat on March 14, 1934; he graduated from St. Ambrose Academy in 1952; he served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958 and married Shirley J. Slayden in Rock Island on November 9, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Ernat joined Bricklayers Local #7 in Rock Island in 1955; after his service, he resumed bricklaying until 1965; he then became a construction superintendent for a local contractor, retiring in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Ronald Ernat resided in Unionville, Missouri for 20 years; he was a talented handyman and built both of his homes; his favorite times were those spent with family and friends visiting in Unionville; he enjoyed fishing, especially with his sons and friends at Lake Erie; he adored his grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Ernat was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; his parents; his daughters, Susan Watt and Laura Lee

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1 Ernat; his brothers, Raymond and James "Jake" Ernat; and his  
2 sisters, Agnes Soldati and Bernice Dhaemers Filas; and

3 WHEREAS, Ronald Ernat is survived by his children, Mark  
4 (Pam) Ernat, Curtis (Debbie) Ernat, and Paula Ernat; his  
5 son-in-law, Doug Watt; his grandchildren, Dillon and Molly  
6 Watt; his step-granddaughter, Kathryn (Eric) Strause-Reyes;  
7 his step-great-grandchildren, Kierra, Noah, and Eva; his  
8 brothers, Harry (Sandy) and Art (Mary) Ernat; and numerous  
9 nieces, nephews, and other family; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Ronald K. Ernat and extend our sincere condolences to his  
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Ronald Ernat as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.