



SR0862

LRB101 15936 MST 65297 r

1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Charles F. "Bud" Conover of Silvis, who passed away on November 28, 2019; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, Charles Conover was born in Chicago to William "Bill" and Dorothea "Dora" Conover; during his time growing up, his family spent time traveling with the Royal American Shows Carnival; his family settled in Rock Island, where he attended school; he married Rosemary Couquelle in 1951 and joined the U.S. Navy in 1952, where he was a member of an elite drill team traveling the nation; he also spent time in Honolulu, where he was a submarine repairman; he married Patricia "Pat" VanVooren in 1964; and

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

WHEREAS, Charles Conover worked as a millwright for several shops in the Quad Cities and eventually retired from the John Deere Foundry in 1993; he was owner of Pneu-Co, a pneumatic tool repair and machinery design company, and owned a fruit stand; and

15

16

17

18

19

WHEREAS, Charles Conover enjoyed gardening, woodworking, puns and poetry, and spending time with his grandchildren; he was well known for the poker and 4th of July parties that he and Pat hosted; he also taught his grandchildren how to shoot

20

21

22

1 pool and took great pride in his political debates with anyone
2 who would listen; he was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Conover had a deep love for Christmas and
4 played Santa for hundreds of children in the Quad Cities area,
5 as well as for his own children, grandchildren, nieces, and
6 nephews; his faith was very important to him, and he and Pat
7 were long-time members of Christ the King Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Conover was preceded in death by his wife,
9 Patricia; his parents; his daughter, Suzanne; his infant son,
10 Kevin; and his sister, Doris Serandos; and

11 WHEREAS, Charles Conover is survived by his children,
12 Roxann (Larry) Natalie, Matthew (Janice) Conover, and Joseph
13 (Diane) Conover; his seven grandchildren; his six
14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; several nieces
15 and nephews; and his caregiver, Holly Barnes, who he considered
16 a member of his family; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Charles F. "Bud" Conover and extend our sincere condolences to
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Charles Conover as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.