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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 Donald Wayne "Don" Ferns, USN (Ret.) of Milan, who passed away on December 22, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Don Ferns was born in Rock Island to William Henry and Grace (Galusha) Ferns on June 24, 1934; he served in the U.S. Navy during two wars and married Lois Jean Harlan in Kewanee on July 2, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Don Ferns worked at Alcoa for 19 years, where he was a member of the union; and

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WHEREAS, Don Ferns belonged to the First Presbyterian Church in Coal Valley, the American Legion, and the Andalusia Lions Club; he was an avid camper and NASCAR fan, especially of Dale Earnhardt Sr.; he also enjoyed snowmobiles, boating, stock car racing, and wintering in Florida, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico; and

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WHEREAS, Don Ferns was preceded in death by his wife, Lois; three brothers; and five sisters; and

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WHEREAS, Don Ferns is survived by his children, Robert (Jill) Ferns, Dennis "Frosty" Ferns, Douglas (Laurie) Ferns,

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1 and Kelli (Todd) Sandusky; nine grandchildren; 10
2 great-grandchildren; and his brothers, Nile and Glen Ferns;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Donald Wayne "Don" Ferns, USN (Ret.) and extend our sincere
7 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
8 him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Don Ferns as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.