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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 Steven George Schaefer of Des Plaines, who passed away on April 25, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Schaefer attended New Trier High School in Winnetka; he served in the United States Army for more than 2 tours during the Vietnam War and received 4 Purple Hearts; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Schaefer owned a painting and home improvement business; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Schaefer was very involved in his community; he acted as emcee for the Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs, and held memberships in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) - Des Plaines Post 2992, where he was Commander and Sr. Vice-Commander; the VFW - William E. Sarb Post 2202 Schaumburg; the American Legion - Post 36 Des Plaines, where he served as Post Commander, Sr. Vice-Commander, Treasurer, and on the Board of Directors; the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 311; the VFW - State of Illinois Organization; the Americal Division Veterans Association; the 1/1 Cav Association; and Honor Flight Chicago; he was a member of the Des Plaines Knights of Columbus 3627 and the Des Plaines Elks Club 1526; he has served as VFW Post Commander, VFW District Commander, and

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1 VFW State Youth Activities Director; he published a monthly
2 newsletter and maintained the website for his VFW Post; he was
3 President of the Lake Park Memorial Pavilion Committee which
4 refurbished the Des Plaines Veterans Memorial, winning a
5 Governor's Home Town Award for the project; he won a second
6 Governor's Home Town Award for his volunteerism; he served on
7 Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen Programs as Chairman for
8 Post and District levels and he was the Director for the State;
9 he organized 'Poppy Days' to collect funds for veterans; and

10 WHEREAS, Steven Schaefer was one of the co-founders, and,
11 for the past several years, President of Pillars of Honor,
12 Inc., an organization that would take the original model of the
13 World War II Memorial to the veterans who couldn't make the
14 trip to Washington, D.C.; he was given the Paul Harris Fellow
15 award by the Des Plaines Rotary Foundation; he was an active
16 member of Our Lady of the Brook in Northbrook for many years,
17 where he served as a Lector and organized volunteers to feed
18 the homeless every Friday night at the Lakeview Shelter in
19 Chicago; he also organized a Christmas meal that was served and
20 provided gifts on Christmas Day; he then became a member of St.
21 Mary's Church in Des Plaines, where he also served as a Lector;
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23 WHEREAS, Steven Schaefer wore many hats and touched the
24 lives of many people - family, friends, strangers, veterans and

1 their families, students, fellow parishioners, community
2 organizations, and many others; and

3 WHEREAS, Steven G. Schaefer was the loving father of Tonya
4 (Michael) Sullivan and Steven Schaefer; the proud grandfather
5 of Zachary and Steven; the devoted son of Helen (the late
6 George P. Jr.) Schaefer; and the dearest brother of Ronald
7 (Cheryl), Robert (Jen), George (Chris), and Cathi (Karl)
8 Swaringim; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Steven George Schaefer, and extend our sincere condolences to
12 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Steven Schaefer as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.