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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 James Russell "Jim" Fay, who passed away on January 10, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, James Fay was born in Joliet on November 17, 1924 to William E., Sr. and Helen (nee Maloney) Fay; he graduated from St. Raymond's Grammar School in 1938 and attended Joliet Catholic High School until 1940; he finished his secondary education at Culver Academy, where he graduated as "Best All-round Cadet" in 1942; while studying engineering at Northwestern University, he was a member of the NROTC, before serving as a Naval Officer in the Pacific Theater of Operations in World War II, stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; in 1948, he was awarded a Master of Business Administration by Babson College, and, in 1949, he was awarded a Bakery Science Degree from the American Institute of Baking; in 1952, he married Margaret "Peggy" Cunningham at the Church of St. Raymond; and

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WHEREAS, James Fay succeeded his father as President of the Joliet-based Champion Machinery Company in 1962, serving in that capacity for 31 years; in 1993, he became Senior Executive Consultant to CMC-America, then under the third-generation leadership of his son; in 2011, at the age of 87, he was granted a United States Patent for bakery equipment; and

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1 WHEREAS, James Fay was actively involved in a 44-year
2 Ministry as a Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus Minister of the
3 Word; he served as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
4 for 31 years and with the Visitation of the Sick of his parish;
5 he admired and served with dedication in the Cathedral Of Saint
6 Raymond St. Vincent de Paul Society and with Meals on Wheels;
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8 WHEREAS, James Fay's civic and community activities
9 included board directorships of the Illinois Manufacturer's
10 Association, the Will County Manufacturer's Association, the
11 Three Rivers Manufacturer's Association, the Joliet Chamber of
12 Commerce, the Bakery Equipment Manufacturers Association
13 (BEMA), and the International Bakery Industry Exposition and
14 serving as Executive Committee Member of the American Society
15 of Bakers for 75 years; in 2004, he was presented with BEMA's
16 Lifetime Achievement Award; he was a founding member of the
17 Joliet Country Club for 64 years and of the Chicago Lake Shore
18 Club and Chicago International Club; and

19 WHEREAS, James Fay was preceded in death by his brother,
20 William E. "Bill" Fay, Jr. (Margaret Hoover), and his son,
21 James Russell Fay, Jr. (Mary Fay, M.D.); and

22 WHEREAS, James Fay is survived by his wife, Margaret; their

1 children, Patrick, Meagen (William Gunther), Edward (Cathreen
2 Clohisy), and Christopher (Milena Villamar); his 13
3 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
6 James Russell "Jim" Fay, and extend our sincere condolences to
7 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

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