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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 Albert A. "Alby" Adams of McHenry, who passed away on July 14, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Alby Adams was born in Johnsburg on November 12, 1929 to Otto and Coletta (Freund) Adams; he graduated from McHenry High School in 1947 and attended the School of Aviation at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana; he was united in marriage with Dorothy Van Ort at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Summit on May 5, 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Alby Adams was the former owner of Adams Repair in Johnsburg and Adams Lawn & Leisure in McHenry; from 1973 until 1981, he served as the McHenry Township Clerk, and from 1981 until May of 1998, he served as McHenry Township Supervisor; in recognition of his distinguished service, the Albert A. Adams McHenry Township Park was formally named after him on May 14, 1998; he was dedicated and active in many civic and fraternal organizations during his lifetime; he was a founding member of the Johnsburg Community Club, a founding member of the Johnsburg Rescue Squad in 1952, and an organizer and founding member of McHenry Township Fire Protection District Company Two; he also served as a board member of Johnsburg School District 12 and a member of the McHenry County Board; and

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1 WHEREAS, Alby Adams was a member of the Knights of Columbus
2 Council 1288 and was a 4th degree Knight with the Bishop Boylan
3 Assembly; he was a member of the McHenry Moose Lodge 691, where
4 he served as past Governor and also received the Fellowship
5 Degree of Honor in recognition for outstanding service to the
6 lodge and fraternity; he was recognized for bringing in the
7 most new members in a single year; other memberships included
8 the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 188, the National
9 Republican Committee, and the National Rifle Association,
10 where he held a lifetime membership; he was a founding member
11 and the first President of the McHenry Sno-Birds Snowmobile
12 Club, where he was instrumental in working out agreements with
13 area farmers for snowmobiles to ride across their land and
14 obtained State funding for the construction of a snowmobile
15 (and sledder) warming shelter in the township park bearing his
16 name; he regularly enjoyed snowmobiling with his wife; he also
17 enjoyed flying, and throughout the years, he piloted a Cessna
18 152, 172, and 182 aircraft out of Galt Airport; other
19 enjoyments included playing cards, hunting and fishing, and
20 singing karaoke; he also was a fan of midget auto racing; and

21 WHEREAS, Alby Adams was preceded in death by his parents
22 and his brother, Carl; and

23 WHEREAS, Alby Adams is survived by his wife of 64 years,

1 Dorothy; his 6 children, Larry Adams, Gary (Julie) Adams, Linda
2 (Tom) Tegtmeier, Kate Heald, John (Margaret) Adams, and Tim
3 (Kellee) Adams; his 20 grandchildren, Becky, Katy, Larry,
4 Stephanie, Ian, Tom, Brian, Sarah, Emily, Kim, Christina,
5 Carissa, Ryan, Jason, Vinny, Danny, Katie, Nicky, Scott, and
6 Brittney; his 6 great-grandchildren, Miles, Tommy, Anderson,
7 Mary, Kendra, and Graham; and his brother, Joel (Sally) Adams;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Albert A. "Alby" Adams, 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 Alby Adams as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.