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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 Reed "Pappy" "Jim" Rodney of Moline, who passed away on February 16, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, James Rodney was born in Canton to Albert and Mary Reed Rodney on February 3, 1941; he graduated from Canton High School in 1959 and married Bonnie Ironfield later that year in Denver, Colorado; he was a missile instructor in the United States Air Force for 8 years, achieving the rank of Airman First Class; he married Sunny Grotegeer in Canton in 1973; and

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WHEREAS, James Rodney worked at International Harvester for 11 years before owning and operating Woodstoves N' Things in Orion for several years; he became the sales manager at Sexton Ford in Moline and then opened Scotty's Car Wash in East Moline, retiring in 2005; and

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WHEREAS, James Rodney loved fishing and raising tropical fish, building model airplanes, woodworking, and gardening; he had a passion for British sports cars (at one time owning 2 at the same time); in his younger days, he loved riding motorcycles and hunting morel mushrooms; he enjoyed spending time with friends and family at the Pauper's Den in East Moline and the Yankee Doodle in Moline; he loved watching his children

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1 and grandchildren play sports; he had a passion for the Chicago
2 Cubs and had hoped to see them win a World Series in his
3 lifetime; and

4 WHEREAS, James Rodney was preceded in death by his parents;
5 his brother, Scott; his son-in-law, Rick Schultz; and his
6 ex-wife, Bonnie Rodney; and

7 WHEREAS, James Rodney is survived by his loving wife, Sunny
8 Rodney; his children and their spouses, Donna and Dave Hoffman,
9 Bill Rodney, James II and Annia Rodney, Carrie Schultz, Chris
10 and Anne McGatha, Kim Rodney, and Kelli Rodney and Kevin Cook;
11 his 12 grandchildren; his 15 great-grandchildren; and his
12 siblings, Donald and Cindy Rodney, and Deborah and Mary Rodney;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 James Reed "Pappy" "Jim" Rodney, and extend our sincere
17 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
18 him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of James Rodney as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.