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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 William J. "Billy" Burns, who passed away on April 1, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, William Burns was born in Chicago to Francis "Pinky" Bums and Frances Coughlin on February 24, 1931 and resided on the Northwest side along with his five siblings, Peggy, Carol, the late Jack, DelAnne, and Sandy; he married Lois Eberle in 1953 and they went on to have seven children, 23 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, William Burns initially practiced dentistry in the United States Navy; he opened his own practice in Deerfield in 1955, ultimately moving to Lake Cook Plaza in 1979; his sons, Mike and Billy, practiced alongside him, and he proudly looked forward to his grandsons, Billy and Joey, joining the dental ranks soon; and

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WHEREAS, William Burns enjoyed golfing, boating, playing Pickleball, frequenting non-gourmet parties, and attending countless sporting events, ceremonies, and plays; he enjoyed serving up his infamous "Bill's hot dogs" at the cottage, and traveling frequently, with an annual boys-only fishing trip to Red Lake, Canada; and

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1           WHEREAS, William Burns gave back to the community over the  
2 years in a variety of roles; in the mid-1950s, he served as one  
3 of the original founding members of Deerfield Days; he joined  
4 the Deerfield Lions in 1957 and later served as its President;  
5 he was President of the Holy Cross School Board and President  
6 of the Lake County Dental Society; the Town of Deerfield  
7 appointed him Grand Marshal of its 4th of July parade in 2010;  
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9           WHEREAS, William Burns is survived by his children and  
10 their families, Linda (Joseph) Daniel with Tim (Meagan) - Ellie  
11 and Addy, and Erin (Brad) Baum - Devin, Jean Carlson with Dan  
12 (Kara), Michael, and Kelly, Mike (Lisa) with Billy, Joey,  
13 Casey, and Jack, Tom (Janet) with Will, Zach, Marin, and Tommy,  
14 Judy Paslaski with Tommy, Kara, Meagan, and Phoebe, Billy  
15 (Heidi) with Corey, Johnny, Devin, and Riley, and the late Jim  
16 (Dawn) with Jimmy and Lexi; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 William J. "Billy" Burns, and extend our sincere condolences to  
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
21 further

22           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of William Burns as an expression of  
2 our deepest sympathy.