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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Matthew J. Heffernan of Tinley Park; and

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WHEREAS, Matthew Heffernan graduated from Mount Carmel
5 High School in 1964 and attended Fox Business College in 1965;
6 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1966, serving
7 in Vietnam; he was honorably discharged in 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Matthew Heffernan was appointed to the Village of
9 Tinley Park Board of Trustees in April of 1998; he was elected
10 to the board in 2001; he served as Chairman of the Public
11 Safety Committee and the Budget and Administration Committee,
12 and as Mayor Pro-tem in 2006 and 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Matthew Heffernan served as Co-Chairman of the
14 Tinley Park Veterans Commission for several years, as
15 Vice-Chairman of the Tinley Park Oktoberfest, and as Chairman
16 of the Oktoberfest Parade; he was an active member of St.
17 Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church; and

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WHEREAS, Matthew Heffernan's notable accomplishments
19 include initiating the Marine Corps Detachment #1217 in Tinley
20 Park, where he served as past Commander; he also served as past
21 First District Commandant for the State of Illinois Marine

1 Corps League and as Vice-Chairman of the Voice of Democracy;
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3 WHEREAS, Matthew Heffernan initiated the Tinley Park seat
4 belt ordinance, served on the fire department 100th anniversary
5 committee for the implementation and dedication of the fire
6 memorial at Zahrocki Plaza, enacted legislation for mutual aid
7 between fire departments for helping each other in the event of
8 a disaster, and initiated an ordinance establishing a sister
9 city relationship between the Village of Tinley Park and the
10 town of Mallow, Ireland; and

11 WHEREAS, Matthew Heffernan received the Chamber of
12 Commerce Outstanding Civic Leader Award in 1996; and

13 WHEREAS, Matthew Heffernan was the proud husband of Jenny;
14 the proud father of Lisa and Matt; and the extremely proud
15 grandfather of Tyler and Nathan; therefore, be it

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

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Matthew Heffernan as an expression
2 of our deepest sympathy.