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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 Aubrey L. "Bud" Ruff of Peoria, who passed away on October 21, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Aubrey Ruff was born on November 14, 1926 in Shelbyville; his parents were Earl and Belle Walker Ruff; he married Dorothy Jenee Taylor on September 9, 1950 in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Aubrey Ruff served his country in the United States Navy during World War II; he was instrumental in bringing the Landing Ship, Tank to the Peoria area, allowing area community and schools to benefit from the rich history; and

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WHEREAS, Aubrey Ruff and his wife were co-owners of Bud Ruff Electric for 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Aubrey Ruff served his community through numerous projects; he was involved with the design and lighting of many athletic fields in the area, including Woodruff Park, Richwood High School and Illinois Valley Central baseball fields, the Bradley University softball and soccer fields, and the Bradley Wall of Honor at the Civic Center; and

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1 WHEREAS, Aubrey Ruff was a co-founder of Peoria Youth Boys
2 Basketball and president of the Peoria High School Booster
3 Club; City Building Commission, President of the Illinois
4 Mechanical Contractors Association, EPIC Board member,
5 Northside Planning and Development, NECA, and PACE; and

6 WHEREAS, Aubrey Ruff was a member of First English Lutheran
7 Church for 62 years and served as president for multiple terms;
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9 WHEREAS, Aubrey Ruff was honored by Peoria High School with
10 a beautiful plaque and a lifetime athletic pass for over 10
11 years of dedicated service; he was also the 34th recipient of
12 the Neve Harms Meritorious Service to Sports Award; and

13 WHEREAS, Aubrey Ruff is preceded in death by his wife,
14 Dorothy; his parents; and his sister, Jean; and

15 WHEREAS, Aubrey Ruff is survived by his son, Dr. John
16 (Mary) Ruff; his daughters, Gigi (Stu) Kinkade and Jeannine
17 (Steve) McAllister; his grandsons, Jared Ruff, Dr. Jake (Tory)
18 Ruff, Zach McAllister, and Ward Kinkade; his granddaughters,
19 Aubrey (Jared) O'Brien and Alexis Rhoades-Shindley; and his
20 great-grandchildren, Carter Shindley, Chloe Shindley, and
21 Brage O'Brien; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
3 family and friends, mourn the passing of Aubrey L. "Bud" Ruff;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Aubrey Ruff as an expression of our
7 sympathy.