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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 Jim Mamer of East Peoria, who passed away on November 28, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Mamer was born in Mt. Vernon to James C. and Doris Stevens Mamer on August 11, 1947; he graduated from Streator High School in 1965 and from Midstate College; he served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Gurke during the Vietnam War; he attended the Illinois Bankers School of Southern Illinois University and the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin; he married Lynn Ferguson at St. Stephen Church in Streator on May 4, 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Mamer was President and CO-CEO of the Morton Community Bank; he loved East Peoria and dedicated his life to making it a better place to live; he was instrumental in the development of the Levee District, the Eastside Center, Par-A-Dice, the East Peoria Festival of Lights, Leisure Acres, and the Jaycees fireworks show; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Mamer was an active volunteer and served his community in many ways, including as a member of the OSF Foundation Board, the Rotary, and the East Peoria Foundation; he was a charter member and former President of Kiwanis, and a

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1 member of the Jaycees and the East Peoria Chamber of Commerce;
2 he served as Fond du Lac Park District Commissioner and as
3 Treasurer for several school districts; he was recognized for
4 his efforts in founding the Fond du Lac Banking Center and was
5 also the recipient of the Business Person of the Year in 1983;
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7 WHEREAS, Jim Mamer belonged to several car clubs and had a
8 great appreciation for collecting and showing Model A Fords; he
9 loved fishing and hunting at the lake house, which he also
10 enjoyed sharing with family and friends; he was a member of St.
11 Monica's Church in East Peoria; and

12 WHEREAS, Jim Mamer was preceded in death by his parents and
13 his mother and father-in-law, Jack and Mary Ferguson; and

14 WHEREAS, Jim Mamer is survived by his wife, Lynn; his sons,
15 Michael (Lisa) Mamer, and Matthew (Heidi) Mamer; his
16 grandchildren, Makayla, Hunter, Kyah, Peyton, and Logan Mamer;
17 his sister, Diane (Alan) Bressner; his brother, Steven (Pam)
18 Mamer; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Cindy (Steve)
19 Francisko, and Mark (Patty) Ferguson; and many nieces, nephews,
20 great-nieces, and great-nephews; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Jim Mamer, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
2 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Jim Mamer as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.