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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 Frank E. "Bud" Drake Jr. of Moline, who passed away on January 25, 2017 at the age of 80; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Drake Jr. was born in Moline to Frank Ellis and Alice Josephine Miller Drake on March 24, 1936; he served in the United States Navy and married Judy McKee in Kahoka, Missouri on October 11, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Drake Jr. was employed by AT&T for 32 years; he retired as a long distance technician in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Drake Jr. was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church in Moline; he was a master gardener, a ham radio operator, and a Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America; he was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs; he loved the Colorado Rocky Mountains and enjoyed fishing, reading, and scuba diving; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Drake Jr. is survived by his wife, Judy; his four sons, Scott A. Drake and his partner, Michael Ward, Jeffrey S. (Martha) Drake, Mark (Sarah) Drake, and David M. (Tammy) Drake; eight grandchildren, Jamie and Devin Drake, Onna, Caleb, and Aubrey Drake, Justene Drake and her husband,

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1 David Hamilton, and Joshua and Austin Drake; two
2 stepgrandchildren, Shelby and Emily Leemans; four
3 great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Justin, and Boston Drake, and
4 McKinnon Ray; and his sisters, Karen Zalewski and Patty
5 Baltisberger; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Frank E. "Bud" Drake Jr., and extend our sincere condolences to
9 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Frank Drake Jr. as an expression of
13 our deepest sympathy.