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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 Reverend Paul D. Bendit of Moline, who passed away on April 25, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Bendit was born in Chicago to Paul Sr. and Claudia Thoma Bendit on November 29, 1926; he attended music school in Chicago and graduated with a Master of Divinity from the Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis on June 14, 1954; he was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served in The Philippines; he married Ruth Sponsel in Hamilton, Ohio on September 26, 1954 and later married Ivola "Ivy" E. James Talbert in Moline on September 21, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Bendit served at United Church of Christ churches in Wells and Lester Prairie, Minnesota; Monticello, Iowa; Tiffin, Ohio; Lebanon, Indiana; Hartington, Nebraska; and Savannah; in Moline, he served as pastor and Sunday school teacher for United Church of Christ, and was a member of First United Presbyterian Church; and; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Bendit enjoyed both indoor and outdoor gardening, square dancing, traveling, and listening to classical music; he enjoyed reading his theology book collection and liked fixing just about anything with his tools;

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1 he loved music, theater, good food, and the occasional glass of
2 red wine; he enjoyed playing cards, Scrabble, and had a big
3 sweet tooth; he will be remembered and missed as a loving
4 husband, father, leader, protector, and most memorably, as a
5 role model; and

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Bendit was preceded in death by his parents;
7 his first wife, Ruth; and his sister, Lynette Bendit; and

8 WHEREAS, Rev. Bendit is survived by his wife, Ivy; his
9 sons, Mark A. (Becky L.) Bendit, and Stephen J. Bendit; his
10 sisters, Katherine Hein, and Claudette (Howard) Ponder;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Reverend Paul D. Bandit, and extend our sincere condolences to
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Rev. Bendit as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.