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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of James "Jim" E. Pearson of Ringwood, who 4 passed away on May 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, James Pearson was born in Woodstock to John and Arline (Harrison) Pearson on December 12, 1939; he graduated from McHenry High School and earned his master's degree in education and fine arts from Northern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, James Pearson was an art teacher at Woodstock High School for 33 years, retiring in 1993; he was also an art instructor at McHenry County College for several years; he was a life member of the Illinois Teachers Association and a life member of the McHenry County Retired Teachers Association; he also served as a cartoonist for the Woodstock Independent for many years; and

WHEREAS, James Pearson was instrumental in restoring the ceiling paintings of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Johnsburg; he was a life member of the McHenry County Historical Society, a life member of the Woodstock Fine Arts Association, and was involved in the preservation of the Woodstock Square; he was in charge of Ringwood Cemetery for over 25 years; he loved to travel all over the world and take

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- 1 pictures of art museums; and
- 2 WHEREAS, James Pearson was preceded by his parents and his
- 3 niece, Elizabeth Ann Pearson; and
- WHEREAS, James Pearson is survived by his brother, John
- 5 (Bernice) Pearson, and his niece, Kathryn Marie Pearson;
- 6 therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- James "Jim" E. Pearson, and extend our sincere condolences to
- 10 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 11 further
- 12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to the family of James Pearson as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.