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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 Samuel E. "Bud" Palmer of McHenry, who passed away on August 5, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Samuel Palmer was born in Chicago to Samuel E. and Lee (Ahls) Palmer on April 22, 1923; he attended Hinsdale Central High School; and

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WHEREAS, Samuel Palmer graduated from St. John's Military Academy and then the Citadel Military College in South Carolina, allowing him to enlist at the officer rank in the United States Air Force in 1944; during World War II, he was a decorated pilot and flew a B-25 Bomber in the 345th Bombardment Group "Air Apaches" for 23 missions; and

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WHEREAS, After the war, Samuel Palmer graduated from the University of Miami School of Business Administration; he married Constance Sweeny on September 1, 1960 and adopted her daughter, Diane; and

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WHEREAS, Samuel Palmer was a paper broker by trade and went on to own his own paper company, Oak Lawn Paper Company; he did not retire until well into his 80s; and

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1 WHEREAS, Samuel Palmer was a Master Mason, a 32nd Degree
2 Mason, and a Shriner; he was also an avid golfer; and

3 WHEREAS, Samuel Palmer was preceded in death by his
4 parents; his sister, Mary Lee; and his brother, Briggs; and

5 WHEREAS, Samuel Palmer is survived by his wife of 57 years,
6 Connie; his daughter, Diane (Frank) Calabrese; his
7 grandchildren, Frank E. Calabrese and Stevie Calabrese; his
8 sister-in-law, Amy M. (the late Briggs) Palmer; his nephews,
9 Reed (Teresa) Collingwood, Briggs (Peggy), Gregory (Ann
10 Marie), and David (Kimberly) Palmer; his niece, Susan Preihs;
11 and many great-nieces and nephews, Kristen Preihs, Nichole and
12 Robert Collingwood, and Christofer, Jordan, Helen, John,
13 Katharine, and Briggs Palmer; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Samuel E. "Bud" Palmer, and extend our sincere condolences to
17 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
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19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Samuel Palmer as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.