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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of John Paul Rygiel Sr. of Spring Grove, who 4 passed away on August 24, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, John Rygiel was born in North Chicago to Paul and 6 Anna (Stanczak) Rygiel on March 8, 1928; he graduated from Holy 7 Rosary School in North Chicago and Waukegan Township High 8 School; he married Betty Kula at Holy Rosary Church on October 9 23, 1948; and

WHEREAS, John Rygiel retired as captain with the North Chicago Police Department after 30 years of dedicated service; he followed that with a second career as director of security at the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago; and

WHEREAS, John Rygiel was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church of Spring Grove, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, the Illinois Police Association, and the Knights of Columbus, where he served as a former Grand Knight; he was also a member of the Holy Name Society, where he served as a past president; his favorite role in life was that of loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

1 WHEREAS, John Rygiel was preceded in death by his parents;
2 his father and mother in-law, Walter and Katherine Kula; his
3 son, John P. Rygiel Jr.; his sisters, Tillie (Edward) Beres,
4 Adeline (Edward) Wozniak, Millie (Walter) Macrowski, and Mary
5 Ann Kaucic (Frank); his brothers, Edward, Joseph, Aloysius, and
6 Paul Jr.; his brothers-in-law, Richard J. Kula (Darlene) and
7 Bobby D. Jackson (Annette); his nephew, Richard C. Kula; his

niece, Jessica Przybylo; and his Godson, Paul Beres; and

WHEREAS, John Rygiel is survived by his wife of 68 years, Betty; his sons, Joseph, William (Brenda), Michael J. (Carol), and Anthony (Jean) Rygiel; his daughter, Mary Ellen (Peter) August; his daughter-in-law, Karen Wills Rygiel; his grandchildren, Katherine Morey, John Niemietz, Joe (Michelle Christiansen), and Brian Rygiel, Kristy (Tom) Bequette, William II, Jason, Patrick, and Brittany Rygiel, Michael C. Rygiel, Amanda (Tom) Woodruff, Kathryn (Matt) LaBuda, Rachel (Sam) Simpson, Grace August, and Anthony, Andrew, Matthew, Zachery, and Daniel Rygiel; his great-grandchildren, Brittany and Amanda Morey and Eloise Rygiel; numerous nieces, nephews, and friends; and his dog, Chico; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of John Paul Rygiel Sr., and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it

- 1 further
- 2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 3 presented to the family of John Rygiel as an expression of our
- 4 deepest sympathy.