



SR1183

LRB100 15960 ALS 31077 r

1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Robert "Rocket Bob" James Windt of Cordova, who passed away on December 4, 2017; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, Bob Windt was born in Chicago to Edward and Anna (Kelly) Windt on November 3, 1941; he graduated from DePaul Academy in Chicago in 1959; he worked for Time Life Magazine for a year and then joined the United States Air Force, where he served as aircraft hydrolic system maintenance for four years; after leaving the Air Force, he earned a degree in Aero Dynamical Engineering from the Northrop Institute of Technology in Inglewood, California in 1968; and

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

WHEREAS, Bob Windt worked at McDonald Douglas (Boeing) until 1975; he designed revolutionary hovercrafts and sold his designs and parts to home builders for over 50 years; his designs influenced the industry in the United States and around the world; and

14

15

16

17

18

WHEREAS, Bob Windt moved to Cordova in 1974; he designed, built, and sold his hovercrafts from home; he used hands-on science to teach children how to use their minds to build boats, rockets, hovercrafts, and model airplanes; he taught religious education for 42 years to the children of St. John's;

19

20

21

22

1 he was active in after-school programs and Scouts; he played
2 Santa Claus for area schools; and

3 WHEREAS, Bob Windt was preceded in death by his parents;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Windt is survived by his brothers, Edgar
6 (Sherry) Windt and John (Beth Knoll) Windt; his sister, Peggy
7 (Dave) Zang; his many nieces and nephews; and his many
8 godchildren; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Robert "Rocket Bob" James Windt and extend our sincere
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
13 him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Bob Windt as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.