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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 John S. "Jack" Shales of Elgin, who passed away on January 26, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Shales was born in Elgin on November 13, 1930; he married Marlene Kane, his high school sweetheart, in 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Shales served in Korea with the United States Marine Corp from 1951 until 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Shales began working at Illinois Hydraulic Construction Co. in 1954; after 27 years with Illinois Hydraulic, he co-founded the construction company Seagren/Shales, Inc.; in 2001, he was a founding partner of Shales McNutt Construction, where he remained a valuable asset throughout his life; he always found ways to make each of his employees feel valued and appreciated; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Shales loved the Elgin community and was involved in many civic and charitable organizations; he was a prolific fundraiser and was involved in the United Way of Elgin campaigns for more than 60 consecutive years; at the time of his passing, he was actively raising money for the Elgin

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1 YMCA-owned Camp Edwards; his desire to "give back" has  
2 benefitted countless lives; he was a member of Cornerstone  
3 United Methodist Church in Plato Center, where he enjoyed  
4 participating in the Corinthians class; and

5 WHEREAS, Jack Shales is survived by his wife, Marlene; his  
6 children, Michael (Trecia) Shales, Kristin (Doug) Durham,  
7 Heidi (Jeff) Baudry, and John (Shelly) Shales; his  
8 grandchildren, Anna (Frank) Machniak, Gwen Shales (Kyle  
9 Johnson), Leah (Dan) Roe, Jack F. Shales, Raven and Hope  
10 Shales, Kyle and Jesse (Sabrina) Durham, Zak and Alec Baudry,  
11 Sydney, Matthew, Ellen, and Jake Shales; and his  
12 great-grandchildren, Asher and Etta Johnson, Lillian and  
13 Timothy Machniak, and Baby Roe (due this summer); therefore, be  
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15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 John S. "Jack" Shales and extend our sincere condolences to his  
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Jack Shales as an expression of our  
22 deepest sympathy.