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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 Michael Charles "Mike" Kerner of Arcola, who passed away on November 26, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Kerner was born in Newton to Neil and Grace (Maxwell) Kerner on September 9, 1951; he graduated from Eastern Illinois University, where he played baseball for four years as a third baseman and served as captain; he married Patricia Kleiss in Decatur on June 30, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Kerner worked his entire career with S&K; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Kerner played second base with the 1978 National Fast Pitch Champion S&K team; he was inducted into the Illinois Fast Pitch Hall of Fame, both as an individual and team member; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Kerner was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Kaskaskia Country Club, where he served on the board, and the Newton Knights of Columbus; he served with the Arcola Fire Protection District from 1997 to 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Kerner enjoyed golfing and hunting and was an all-round sportsman; he loved all sports; he announced Arcola

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1 High School basketball games for many years, worked the "chain
2 gang" at Arcola football games, and was the Arcola Summer
3 Recreation President; most of all, he loved being with his
4 family, especially his grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Kerner was preceded in death by his parents;
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7 WHEREAS, Mike Kerner is survived by his wife, Pat; his
8 children, Julie (Grant) Carpenter and Bob Kerner; his
9 grandchildren, Oliver Neil and Audrey Sara Carpenter; his
10 brother, Jerome Kerner; and his sister, Rita Kerner; therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Michael Charles "Mike" Kerner, and extend our sincere
15 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
16 him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Mike Kerner as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.