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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 Richard Lee "Dick" Emery of Crystal Lake, who passed away on July 17, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Emery was born in Altadena, California to Talitha Youngblood and Francis Eric Emery on May 21, 1938; his family lived briefly in Pasadena, where he attended St. Peter's Catholic School through the second grade; his family then moved to Concord, where he was a student at Queen of All Saints School and a graduate of Mount Diablo High School, where he played football and baseball; and

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WHEREAS, In 1957, Dick Emery enlisted in the U.S. Navy to pursue his dream of flying; in 1958, he entered officer candidate school and flight training as a member of the Naval Aviation Cadet Drill Team "58" at NAS Pensacola; he earned his Navy Wings of Gold in February of 1960; he was discharged from active service in July of 1962, but he continued in the Naval Reserves and retired after 20 years with the rank of Commander; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Emery graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Industrial Management from San Jose State University in February of 1966; he married Betty Lou on

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1 February 10, 1967; and

2 WHEREAS, Dick Emery was hired by United Airlines and began
3 his career in San Francisco then moved to Crystal Lake, where
4 he flew out of O'Hare International Airport; in 1985, he was
5 promoted to captain; he retired in June of 1998 after a career
6 of 32 years; and

7 WHEREAS, In retirement, Dick Emery looked forward to
8 building and living in his dream home with Betty Lou, their
9 yearly trips to Maui with friends and family, and watching his
10 grandchildren learn how to swim; he could always be found
11 poolside working on cryptograph and Sudoku puzzles; he also
12 enjoyed a lively debate; and

13 WHEREAS, Dick Emery was preceded in death by his parents;
14 his sister, Kathy; and his best friend and brother, Bill; and

15 WHEREAS, Dick Emery is survived by his wife of 51 years,
16 Betty Lou; his sons, Christopher and Eric; his
17 daughters-in-law, Jennifer and Deanna; his grandchildren,
18 Will, Julia, and Elise; and his sister, Mary Woods; therefore,
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Richard Lee "Dick" Emery, and extend our sincere condolences to
2 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Dick Emery as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.