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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 Charles H. "Charlie" Nogle of Champaign, who passed away on March 16, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Nogle was born in Champaign to J. Harold and Audra Bailey Nogle on February 5, 1931; he graduated from Champaign High School in 1949; while in high school, he learned to fly at the Champaign airport using his uncle's airplane; he attended Miami University in Ohio, where he was a member of ROTC and the Phi Delta Theta fraternity; he transferred to the University of Illinois for his senior year and graduated with a degree in business in 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Nogle started his career with Illinois Bell in Aurora; in 1954, he returned home to transition his family's heating and coal supply business into the natural gas HVAC industry; he expanded into commercial real estate development, building apartment and restaurant investment properties; he partnered with the Monical Pizza Corporation as an investor and developer, building restaurants around central Illinois; he was a key player in keeping Monical's Pizza locally owned; for over 35 years, he was a director of Monical's Pizza; and

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1 WHEREAS, Charlie Nogle's passion was aviation; he owned and
2 flew over 30 different makes and models of aircraft; he
3 achieved commercial pilot with single and multi-engine and
4 instrument ratings; in the mid-1950s, he started acquiring
5 parts to rebuild his dream aircraft, a T-34 Mentor, which was
6 used by both the Air Force and Navy for training; his first
7 project led to dozens more, and over the years, he became
8 recognized as the worldwide authority on the T-34 Mentor; he
9 founded the T-34 Association and became known by that community
10 as "Mr. Mentor"; he was a longtime EAA Warbirds of America
11 director and was an honored member of both the Illinois
12 Aviation Hall of Fame and the EAA Warbirds of America Hall of
13 Fame; and

14 WHEREAS, Charlie Nogle was an avid World War II historian,
15 especially as it related to military aviation, and amassed an
16 extensive WWII book collection; he was also a dedicated
17 supporter of the Ernie Pyle Museum in Dana, Indiana; he was a
18 fan of all wildlife and his family's many canine companions; he
19 was an active supporter of various local and national animal
20 protection charities; and

21 WHEREAS, Charlie Nogle was an Eagle Scout and lifelong
22 supporter of Camp Drake; in 2008, in honor of his father,
23 Harold Nogle, he commissioned the design and construction of
24 the Camp Drake Shooting Sports Range; and

1 WHEREAS, Charlie Nogle is survived by his wife of 30 years,
2 Diana; his sister, Marianne Wilson; his children, James Nogle
3 (Gayle), Charles J. "Jud" Nogle (Ann), John Nogle (Diane), and
4 Ellen Nogle Proffit (Matthew); his grandchildren, Joel, Jeff,
5 Olivia, and Ainsley; his great-grandchildren, Liam and Emma;
6 his stepchildren, Stephanie and Joshua; his
7 step-grandchildren, Chelsea, Sheldon, Brennan, Arianna, Arwen,
8 and Janie; and his stepgreat-granddaughter, Sophia; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Charles H. "Charlie" Nogle and extend our sincere condolences
13 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Charlie Nogle as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.