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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 Edward James "Ed" Collins Jr., who passed away on February 20, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Collins was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts to Mary Elizabeth Rogers and Edward James Collins Sr. on March 17, 1933; he graduated from Brighton High School in Boston in 1952 and served for three years in the U.S. Army Security Agency, where he was stationed in South Korea for over a year and involved in top secret classified work; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Collins returned from military service and enrolled at Boston University; he transferred to the University of California, Berkeley and decided to become a journalist; he graduated in 1955 and took a position with the Brawley Daily News, a small community newspaper in Southern California; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Collins accepted a position as Executive Director of the Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce and then a public relations job with the California Medical Association; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Collins married Dorothy Jane McCann and they lived in Kensington, California for the next 13 years; in 1977,

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1 he accepted a position with the American Association of Medical  
2 Society Executives and his family settled in Deerfield; and

3 WHEREAS, Ed Collins decided to return to journalism and  
4 obtained a master's degree in journalism from Columbia College  
5 in Chicago in 2000; he began to work for the Lake County  
6 News-Sun newspaper as a general assignment reporter for the  
7 next 14 years; he retired in December 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, Ed Collins is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and  
9 his son, Edward James Collins III; therefore, 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 Edward James "Ed" Collins Jr. and extend our sincere  
13 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
14 him; and be it further

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