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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Leon Edward Seay of Gurnee, who passed 4 away on May 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Leon Seay was born in Hurst-Busch to Edgar and Bessie (Myers) Seay on December 12, 1936; after high school, he served in the United States Coast Guard; he later served in the Coast Guard Reserves and finally in the Coast Guard Auxiliary; and

10 WHEREAS, Leon Seay worked for the North Shore Gas Company 11 for over 35 years; in 1969, he established the Gas Appliance 12 Service Company, which he operated until 1996; and

WHEREAS, Leon Seay was a member of the Waukegan Jaycees, the Gurnee American Legion Post 771, and the Lake County Recovery Divers Association; he participated in both the Waukegan and Gurnee Citizen's Police Academies; he was a Free Mason, Anchor and Ark Lodge in Waukegan for the past 47 years; he enjoyed fishing on Lake Michigan and constantly tended to the birds and his garden; he loved his family and nature and had a strong faith; and

WHEREAS, Leon Seay was preceded in death by his father,

- 1 Edgar Seay; his mother, Bessie Billot and her husband, Frank;
- 2 his brother, Master Sergeant Bobby D. Seay; and his
- 3 grandchildren, Ashley Seay and Derek Anderson; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Leon Seay is survived by his children, Victoria
- 5 (Robert) Elbrecht, Leon R. Seay and his partner, Roberta
- 6 Rutter, Carol Rommel, Shari (Peter Markiewicz) Seay, and
- 7 Michael (Shannon) Seay; his wife, Millie, and her children,
- 8 Rose, Susan, Ricky, and Cindy; his grandchildren, Brooke, Mark,
- 9 Dana, Shannon, Bobby, Andrea, Shelby, Erich, Cheyenne, Sofia,
- 10 Michael, Danny, Melissa, and Nicole; and his
- 11 great-grandchildren, Braiden, Scarlet, Gregory, Brilee, and
- 12 Sloane; therefore, be it
- 13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
- 14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 15 Leon Edward Seay and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 17 further
- 18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 19 presented to the family of Leon Seay as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.