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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ervin Robert "Bob" Pape III of Danville, who passed away on September 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ervin Pape III was born on February 26, 1943 in Danville to Ervin Robert Pape, Jr. and Helen Frances (nee Lange) Pape; he attended Liberty, Edison, and Danville High Schools, graduating in 1961; he studied computer programming while attending Danville Area Community College, the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, Bradley University in Peoria, and Northwestern University in Evanston; he later attended The Indiana School of Mortuary Science, graduating in 1966 as a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer; and

WHEREAS, Ervin Pape III began his career at Tee Pak Credit Union as a supervisor of quality control; in 1977, he purchased Berhalter Funeral Home and operated it until 1984 when he became the fourth generation owner of Pape Funeral Home; in 1985 and 1995, the Pape Botanical Gardens and a crematory were added respectively; he was a Licensed Funeral Director in Illinois, Indiana, and Florida and a member of the Illinois Funeral Directors Association, the Indiana Funeral Directors Association, and the Florida Funeral Directors Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Ervin Pape III was a longtime member of the Rotary
2 Club of Danville No. 188, the Olive Branch Masonic Lodge #38,
3 the Further Light Lodge No. 1130 Ancient Free and Accepted
4 Masons, and the Valley of Danville - Ancient Accepted Scottish
5 Rite of Freemasonry, past Thrice Potent Master and coroneted
6 33rd Degree in 1986; he was also a member of the Eastern
7 Illinois Shrine Club-Ansar Shrine, the Knights of Columbus, and
8 the Danville Country Club; he is a former member of the
9 Danville Elks Lodge #332 (Elk of the Year 1973), the Jaguar
10 Club of North America, the National Nomad Club, the Vermilion
11 County Board, and the Danville Jaycees; in his younger years,
12 he was active in the United Fund, the Young Men's Christian
13 Association Drive, and the Boy Scouts of America; and

14 WHEREAS, Ervin Pape III's passion was flying; he always
15 maintained his pilot's license, and along with his wife, went
16 on many small trips in their Piper Saratoga; he enjoyed flying
17 commercially all over the country, whether it was for monthly
18 wine dinners at the Orlando Hyatt, events at the Lyric Opera
19 and Joffrey Ballet, or taking part in the Russian American
20 Foundation and Bolshoi Ballet; in July of 2013, he achieved his
21 lifelong goal to obtain Diamond Status with Delta Airlines; he
22 was also very interested in discovering Russian culture and
23 language; he had taken multiple trips to Russia over the years
24 and was very active in securing a matching Rotary Grant to

1 secure a bus for a Russian orphanage; and

2 WHEREAS, Ervin Pape III was preceded in death by his
3 parents; and

4 WHEREAS, Ervin Pape III is survived by his children,
5 Adrienne Pape, David (Kristin) Allen, Alexandra Pape (Jeff
6 Daeschler), and ER "Roby" Pape IV (Morgan Ritchie); his
7 grandchildren, Sophia Pape Allen and Payton Daeschler; his
8 sister, Patricia Ann (Vince) Tumminello; his nephew, Vincent
9 Tumminello; his ex-wife, Mitzi Ann (nee Williamson) Pape; his
10 dog and companion, Blue; and many, many people whose lives he
11 touched throughout the years; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Ervin Robert "Bob" Pape III, and extend our sincere condolences
15 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
16 it further

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