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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 Harold William Wilkinson of Kerrville, Texas, who passed away on January 15, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Wilkinson was born in Alton to Harold and Esther (Beatty) Wilkinson on May 23, 1930; he graduated from Marquette High School in Alton and attended the United States Naval Academy, where he played football and became a decorated combat veteran of the Korean War; following the war, he received a bachelor's degree in education from Shurtleff College in Alton; he later completed his master's degree in education from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville; he married Frances Angelina Aloisi on June 16, 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Wilkinson began his four-decade long career in education as a history instructor in the Bunker Hill school system in 1955, eventually becoming the principal of the elementary/junior high school; he coached basketball and track at Bunker Hill and coached football at the Western Military Academy in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the school system, Harold Wilkinson worked at the Bunker Hill Gazette-News; he also served the Bunker Hill community as a city alderman,

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1 library board member, school board member, and on the board of
2 directors of Community Memorial Hospital in Staunton; he was a
3 member of the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, and
4 Mensa; and

5 WHEREAS, Harold Wilkinson is survived by his wife, Frances;
6 his sons, Mark (Tina) and Scott (Kerry); and his grandchildren,
7 Anthony (TJ), Andrew (Danielle), Alexis, and Blake; therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Harold William Wilkinson, and extend our sincere condolences to
12 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Harold Wilkinson as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.