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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 Mel Gass of Creve Coeur, who passed away on January 17, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Mel Gass was born in Peoria to Henry and Bettie (Snoke) Gass on October 3, 1957; he served in the United States Army and married Donna (Tonjes) Getz in Groveland on February 29, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Mel Gass worked as a Steamfitter at TSI in Mossville since 1996, retiring in 2015; he was a member of Steamfitters Local 353 in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Uncle Mel", Mel Gass had a generous heart and a big sense of humor; he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family and friends, sharing stories; and

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WHEREAS, Mel Gass was preceded in death by his father and his brother, John Gass; and

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WHEREAS, Mel Gass is survived by his wife, Donna; his son, Joshua Gass; his mother and stepfather, Bettie and Everett Copeland; his sisters, Debbie (Pat) Murphy, Joni (Scott)

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1 Andrews, and Sandy (Fred) Garfield; his stepsister, Linett
2 (Mike) Starch; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and
3 great-nephews; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Mel Gass, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
7 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Mel Gass as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.