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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 William C. Otten Sr., a lifelong resident of Rock Island, who passed away on January 12, 2017 at the age of 89; and

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WHEREAS, William Otten was born in Rock Island to Edward and Mary Gillespie Otten on September 5, 1927; he married Rita Smith at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rock Island on June 12, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, William Otten was a veteran of the United States Army and served during World War II; he was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus; he also belonged to the Bricklayers Union Local 7 in Rock Island, for 70 years; and

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WHEREAS, William Otten will be remembered for his love of cards and the Chicago Cubs, his jokes, and his smiling face; his love of family was very important to him and he was very proud of them; he was an inspiration to all that knew him, had a kind word for others, and was always willing to help; he will be missed by all; and

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WHEREAS, William Otten was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his son, Joseph; and two brothers, Jack and Edward;
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3 WHEREAS, William Otten is survived by his wife of 68 years,
4 Rita Otten; his children and their spouses, Mary Kay (Fran)
5 Glidewell, William (Lori) Otten Jr., Patricia (Richard)
6 Requet, Larry (Dionne) Otten, and Jim (Lori) Otten; his 14
7 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and two
8 great-great-grandchildren; therefore, 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 William C. Otten, and extend our sincere condolences to his
12 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 William Otten as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.