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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 James Louis Clingingsmith of Woodstock, formerly of St. Mary's, who passed away on February 5, 2017 at the age of 79; and

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WHEREAS, James Clingingsmith was born in Malden, Missouri to Oda L. and Helen (Minton) Clingingsmith on May 4, 1937; he married the love of his life, Joan L. Clancy, in Daguscahonda on August 6, 1960; and

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WHEREAS, James Clingingsmith proudly served in the United States Air Force as a Special Forces Intelligence field operative from 1955 until 1960; he was an Atomic Veteran who served with the Joint Task Force Seven in the spring of 1958, and participated in Operation Hardtack on Johnston Island for atomic bomb testing; he also worked on the security detail for Dr. Von Braun; and

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WHEREAS, James Clingingsmith was very active as a Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scouts, Indian Guides, and the local youth softball team, which he helped organize and coach while residing in Arlington Heights; he was a valued sales engineer for Stackpole Carbon Company in St. Mary's for over 25 years; he later started his own sales

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1 representative service for carbon graphite products; and

2 WHEREAS, James Clingingsmith was a devout member of The
3 church of the Holy Apostles in McHenry, and participated in the
4 prayer line; he was a member of The Knights of Columbus Council
5 #1288; he was known for his great love for his family; he took
6 great pride in spending time with his grandchildren and being
7 involved with their activities; and

8 WHEREAS, James Clingingsmith was preceded in death by his
9 parents; and

10 WHEREAS, James Clingingsmith is survived by his wife of 56
11 years, Joan; three sons, James Jr. (Chris) Clingingsmith,
12 Michael (Kelly) Clingingsmith, and Patrick Clingingsmith; five
13 grandchildren, Katie (Ken) Winkelman, James III (Dana)
14 Clingingsmith, Brittany Clingingsmith, Ashley Clingingsmith,
15 and Michael Clingingsmith Jr.; three great-grandchildren,
16 Emmett, Everett, and Colton; and two sisters, Billie Jean
17 (Gary) Pearson and Marylee Thomas; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 James Louis Clingingsmith, and extend our sincere condolences
21 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
22 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of James Clingingsmith as an expression
3 of our deepest sympathy.