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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 Raymond Van Heirseele Sr. of Waukegan, who passed away on February 25, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, James Van Heirseele Sr. was born in McHenry to Raymond and Laura (Michels) Van Heirseele on August 15, 1931; he graduated from Waukegan Township High School in 1949 and served in the United States Army during the Korean War; he married Mary Ryan at Immaculate Conception in Waukegan on October 5, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, James Van Heirseele Sr. was a member of Plumbers Local 93 (currently Local 130); upon retirement, he became the Plumbing Inspector for the Village of Libertyville; and

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WHEREAS, James Van Heirseele Sr. enjoyed traveling to visit family and trips through the Norstates Bank Ambassadors Club; his hobbies included bowling, softball, perch fishing, gardening, golf, and euchre; he was his children's and grandchildren's biggest fan; he was a member of the Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus, the VFW, the American Legion, and the Moose organizations; and

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WHEREAS, James Van Heirseele Sr. was preceded in death by

1 his parents; his stepmother, Harriet; his brothers, Wayne and  
2 Ken; and his son-in-law, Michael Dawson; and

3 WHEREAS, James Van Heirseele Sr. is survived by his wife,  
4 Mary; his children, Kathy (Dale) Paavilainen, Tom, Jim, Joe,  
5 Teresa (Perry) Miller, Michele (Art) Crowley, Maureen (Kevin  
6 Wenzel), Karyn (Alan) Hughes, Kevin (Darleen), and Eileen  
7 (Rick) Broske; 19 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and  
8 his siblings, Don (Melanie) and Barb (Durrell) Johnson;  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 James Raymond Van Heirseele Sr., and extend our sincere  
13 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
14 him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of James Van Heirseele Sr. as an  
17 expression of our deepest sympathy.