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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 Robert "Bob" Decker Jr. of Rock Island, who passed away on April 28, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Decker was born in Peoria to Robert Sr. and Helen Decker on May 31, 1940; he served in the United States Army and married Barbara Bates in Rock Island on February 16, 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Decker was employed with Dohrn Transfer as a driver and in management for 43 years until his retirement; he was also a volunteer firefighter in the Blackhawk Fire Protection District; and

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WHEREAS, In his earlier years, Robert Decker was involved in coaching youth baseball and Optimist League basketball; he coached the Milan American Legion baseball team for 16 to 18 year olds, and Little League and Babe Ruth teams for more than 10 years; he enjoyed attending and following his grandchildren's sporting events, meeting his morning coffee group at McDonald's, and playing golf with his friends on Sundays; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Decker was a member of Eureka Masonic Lodge

1 No. 69 A.F. & A.M.; he was an avid fan of the St. Louis
2 Cardinals and the Chicago Bears; he enjoyed following the San
3 Francisco Giants, for whom his son, Steve, played and is
4 currently the assistant batting coach; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Decker was preceded in death by his wife,
6 Barbara; his parents; and his brother, Tom; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Decker is survived by his children,
8 Catherine Rankin, Stephen (Maite) Decker, and Chris (John)
9 Polzin; his stepson, Jeff Koester; his grandchildren, Jennifer
10 Martin, Cody Rankin, Hailey Decker, Cammie Decker, and Nicole
11 Polzin; his step-granddaughter, Lana Descamps; four
12 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Janet, Judy, and Patricia;
13 his brother, Richard; his fiancée, Coral Rudsell; one
14 great-grandchild; extended family, Jeff (Susan) Johnson, Kevin
15 (Rhonda) Johnson, Laurel Johnson, Merritt Johnson, and Kevin
16 Johnson; and many other loving family members and friends;
17 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 Robert "Bob" Decker Jr., and extend our sincere condolences to
21 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

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