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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 Hans Chrestian Petersen of McHenry, who passed away on May 3, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Hans Petersen was born to Bennet and Martha (Nielsen) Petersen on November 29, 1923 and raised on a dairy farm in Wisconsin; he served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II and moved to Chicago where he met his wife, Nancy; and

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WHEREAS, Hans Petersen was hardworking, having two careers; and

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WHEREAS, Hans Petersen was known as a quiet, gentle giant; there was not a person who met him that did not like him; he was a "champion whistler", often whistling to the tune of "Sweet Georgia Brown"; he enjoyed listening to HAM Radio, fishing, gardening, and racing; he will be remembered as everyone's friend and will be sorely missed by all who knew him; and

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WHEREAS, Hans Petersen was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Nancy; his siblings, James and Marion; and his granddaughter, Megan; and

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1 WHEREAS, Hans Petersen is survived by his children, Bennet
2 (Nancy) Petersen, Bryan Petersen, and Shari (Alan Gegenheimer)
3 Olk; his grandchildren, Carey (Justin) Runyard, Lindsay (Guy)
4 Porth, Aimee (Jason) Landini, Alexander (Amy) Petersen, Troy
5 (Kim) Petersen, Jennifer (Chad) Chorney, Gregory Petersen,
6 Bennet Petersen, Katlyn (James) Ceplawskes, and Ashley Olk; his
7 great-grandchildren, Austin, Nathan, Hannah, Violet, Lane,
8 Sullivan, Alexis, Ethan, Owen, Emilee, Aksel, Haylie, Hayden,
9 Aaron, Kaitlyn, MacKenzie, Azure, Ana, Aydin, and Leila; and
10 his sister, Else Petersen; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Hans Chrestian Petersen, and extend our sincere condolences to
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Hans Petersen as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.