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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" Wesley MacGruder of Grand Junction, Colorado, who passed away on March 11, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Robert MacGruder was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to Robert D. and Hester (Wooden) MacGruder on June 5, 1932; his family moved to Colorado in 1939; he attended the University of Wyoming and enlisted in the United States Navy, serving aboard the U.S.S. Stembel during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Before retiring, Robert MacGruder resided in Waukegan; from 1959 to 1973, he was president of the Chamber of Commerce in Waukegan, Belvidere, and Laverne, Minnesota; he was Executive Vice President of the Lake County Contractors Association from 1973 to 1996; and

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WHEREAS, During his career, Robert MacGruder received numerous awards such as the Exchange Club's Golden Deeds in 1976; he was active in local and state affairs with the United Way, the Port Authority, the Planning Commission, the Lake County Economic Development Commission, and the Waukegan Civil Service Commission; and

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WHEREAS, Robert MacGruder was preceded in death by his

1 wives, JoAnn (Wheatley), Lea (Passwaters), and Marilyn  
2 (Leonard); his parents; his stepfather, Roy Brown; his son,  
3 Robert W. MacGruder Jr.; his son-in-law, David Nystrom; and  
4 numerous close friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert MacGruder is survived by his daughter,  
6 Valorie Nystrom; his sons, Greg Ramsey and Jeff (Trina) Ramsey;  
7 his sisters, Marilyn Barnewall and Dede Hunter; eight  
8 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; his special friends,  
9 Duane Wheatley, Wayne Brimer, Tony Vigil, and Harold (Rita)  
10 Schafer; and numerous other family members and friends;  
11 therefore, be it

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

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Robert MacGruder as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.