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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 Leamon Kemp "Lee/PawPaw" Jessup of Mahomet, who passed away on August 20, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Leamon Jessup was born in Urbana to Annie L. and Bobby Gene Jessup on September 9, 1950; he graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Science in Educational Administration; and

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WHEREAS, Leamon Jessup began his teaching career in the Normal Community School District, where he was also a football coach, a wrestling coach and an Illinois High School Association wrestling official; and

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WHEREAS, Leamon Jessup and his family moved to Mahomet in 1978 when he took the principal's position at the Seymour Grade School; when Mahomet and Seymour consolidated, he was moved to Lincoln Trail Elementary School, where he retired in 2005 as principal; and

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WHEREAS, Leamon Jessup believed in community service and sought out ways to serve others; he was elected to the Mahomet Village Board; he held leadership positions in nearly every

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1 organization with which he was involved; he founded Lee J's
2 Firehouse Golf and Arcades and Tropical Sno to provide a safe
3 place for his kids to work and community children to play; he
4 donated the Tropical Sno franchise to the Mahomet Area Youth
5 Club; and

6 WHEREAS, Leamon Jessup dedicated over 40 years of service
7 as a volunteer firefighter with the Bloomington Township and
8 Cornbelt Fire Protection District, retiring in April 2017 as a
9 trustee; he was an instrumental and dedicated member of the
10 Mahomet Area Youth Club's Executive Board and a member of the
11 Mahomet United Methodist Church; he was a Freemason and a
12 member of Mahomet Lodge 220; and

13 WHEREAS, Leamon Jessup worked hard and played harder, and
14 rarely missed an opportunity to enjoy a practical joke; his
15 smile and laughter were infectious; he was an avid outdoorsman
16 and enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time with his
17 children and grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Leamon Jessup was preceded in death by his father,
19 Bobby Gene Jessup, and his brother, Robert G. Jessup; and

20 WHEREAS, Leamon Jessup is survived by his mother, Annie
21 Jessup; his wife, Beverly Jessup; his sons, Jeremy (Nichole),
22 Joshua, and Joel (Katie); his daughter, Annie Jane Anglin

1 (Tyler); his stepchildren, Jacquie Guevara (Matthew), Megan
2 Berry (Lance), and Jake Foley; and nine grandchildren;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Leamon Kemp "Lee/PawPaw" Jessup, and extend our sincere
7 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
8 him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Leamon Jessup as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.