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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 Douglas E. "Papa" Dee of Rock Island, who passed away on January 6, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Douglas Dee was born in Ohio to Edwin D. and Josephine McGlothlin Dee on April 11, 1951; he graduated from Moline High School in 1969 and enlisted in the U.S. Army on December 24, 1969, where he served as a combat medic in Vietnam and earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; he married Judith Montgomery in Port Byron on February 6, 1999; and

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WHEREAS, In retirement, Douglas Dee's life was his family and Papa's Helping Vets; he and his wife founded the organization in 2007, which provided assistance to thousands of veterans in the Quad-Cities area; what started as a small gesture to help a veteran who needed a couch became a large nonprofit organization providing household goods and furniture to veterans, primarily homeless veterans; and

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WHEREAS, Douglas Dee received the Jefferson Award in 2014 for his contributions to the needs of veterans; and

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1           WHEREAS, Douglas Dee dedicated his life to serving others  
2 with loving devotion and a tenacious spirit of loyalty to his  
3 comrades; 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 Douglas E. "Papa" Dee, and extend our sincere condolences to  
7 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
8 further

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