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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 Fred Edward Widman of Godfrey, who passed away on December 24, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Widman was born in Jersey County to Fred Sr. and Edna (Bregenzer) Widman on July 4, 1928; he learned the value of hard work at an early age by helping his father on the family farm; he married Ruth Bastien in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin in 1952; they later divorced, and he married Linda Klopmeier on December 10, 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Widman served with the United States Army 6th Armored Division during the Korean War and was stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin from 1950 until his honorable discharge in 1952; he then served in the Army Reserves until 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Fred Widman formed F.E. Widman Trucking and Excavating in 1952; he joined the Teamsters Local 525 in Alton and also became a member of Operating Engineers Local 520 in Granite City; one of his first accomplishments was assisting in the construction and completion of the Nike Military Missile Base above Pere Marquette Park; he contributed to the completion of Gordon Moore Park; his legacy lives on through Widman Construction Company Inc. of Godfrey; and

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1 WHEREAS, Fred Widman was a member of the Mid-West Truckers
2 Association and served on its Executive Board and as its
3 President; he was a longtime Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner of
4 Masonic Lodge 341; he was also a charter member and past
5 President of the Gateway Piasa's Motorhome Club; he was a past
6 member of the Tri-County Antique Club, the American Legion, the
7 Alton Motorboat Club, the Southern Illinois Builders
8 Association, and the Associated General Contractors of
9 America; and

10 WHEREAS, Fred Widman was an avid hunter; he was interested
11 in antique cars, tractors, and motorcycles; he and his wife
12 enjoyed traveling in their motorhome, wintering in Florida, and
13 spending time with family at their place on the lake; and

14 WHEREAS, Fred Widman was preceded in death by his parents;
15 his sons, Gary and James Widman; and his son-in-law, Dan Lewis;
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17 WHEREAS, Fred Widman is survived by his wife, Linda; his
18 former wife and friend, Ruth; his children, Sandy (Collin)
19 Meyer, Kathy Lewis, Terry (LaNae) Widman, and Keith (Susie)
20 Widman; his stepson, Brad Whitlock; his 14 grandchildren; his
21 15 great-grandchildren, plus one on the way; his brother, Ray
22 (Marge) Widman; and his many nieces, nephews, and friends;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Fred Edward Widman and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Fred Widman as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.