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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 Clayton "Dave" Ayres of Woodstock, who passed away on December 26, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Ayres was born in Madison, Wisconsin to Paul R. and Gertrude Ingrid (Haugen) Ayres on May 12, 1939; he married Judith Ann Cole On June 11, 1958 and served in the United States Navy for 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Ayres spent 18 years with Illinois Tool Works as a human resources manager; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Ayres was a member of the American Legion, the Lions Club, and the Tree of Life Unitarian Universalist Congregation in McHenry, where he served on several committees, including as chair of the Stewardship Committee, and spearheaded several church missions; every Thursday you could find him communing with his weekly men's breakfast group; and

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WHEREAS, Dave Ayres lived most of his youth in Wisconsin, including the towns of Madison, Beloit, Hayward, and Cable; he loved the outdoors and was an avid fly fisherman; his hobbies included photography, writing, fly-tying, solving Sudoku puzzles, designing and building A/V speaker enclosures, and

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1     woodworking; he enjoyed the occasional round of golf, bowling,  
2     and throwing darts; and

3           WHEREAS, Dave Ayres and Judy spent a number of years in  
4     Minocqua, first as a second home and eventually as their  
5     primary; they enjoyed traveling, both locally and abroad; most  
6     recently they explored by car several national parks throughout  
7     the northern Rockies, toured Prague and Vienna, and cruised to  
8     Alaska; one of their favorite destinations was Las Vegas, where  
9     it was rumored Dave could be found frequenting his favorite  
10    craps tables; every spring they spent six weeks in Florida; and

11           WHEREAS, Music was also a very important part of Dave  
12    Ayres's life; he listened to all genres of music and took an  
13    interest in playing instruments; and

14           WHEREAS, Most important to Dave Ayres was his family; he  
15    was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and  
16    great-grandfather; he doted on his grandchildren and was always  
17    looking forward to his time with them; and

18           WHEREAS, Dave Ayres was preceded in death by his parents;  
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20           WHEREAS, Dave Ayres is survived by his wife of over 59  
21    years, Judy; his children, Dean (Anne), Diana (Tyrone) Quinn,

1 Donald (Alison), and Darin (Terra); his grandchildren, Joseph,  
2 Tim, Carolyn, Ashley, Tyler, Patrick, David, Connor, Cole, and  
3 Chase; his great-grandchildren, Odin and Autumn; his sisters,  
4 Katherine (Norman) Gharrity, Susan Rosa, and Helen Fandrei; and  
5 his sister-in-law, Connie Henry; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Clayton "Dave" Ayres, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Dave Ayres as an expression of our  
13 deepest sympathy.