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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 Russ Gremel, who passed away on April 22, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Russ Gremel was born in Chicago on September 5, 1918; he was a longtime resident of the Jefferson Park neighborhood of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Russ Gremel worked as an attorney and was always very active in his community; and

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WHEREAS, Russ Gremel was a leader for Boy Scout Troop 979, sponsored by the Congregational Church of Jefferson Park; under his direction, over 150 Boy Scouts achieved the rank of Eagle Scout; and

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WHEREAS, In 2017, the Illinois Audubon Society named a new wildlife sanctuary in Lee County in honor of Russ Gremel; the society established the sanctuary in part through a \$2.1 million donation of Walgreen's stock that Russ had purchased over 60 years ago for approximately \$1,000; and

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WHEREAS, Russ Gremel enjoyed baseball; he always pushed those around him to be the best that they could be; therefore,

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

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Russ Gremel as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.