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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 Robert "Bob" James Wescott Tirk of Woodstock, who passed away on July 3, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Tirk was born in Boston, Massachusetts to James and Marguerite (Greb) Wescott on May 29, 1943; after his father's death, while serving in the Coast Guard during World War II, his mother married Richard "Dick" E. Tirk, and at age four, Bob was adopted by Dick; he grew up in New York and graduated from Briarcliff High School; he was one of many family members to attend Lawrence University, where he majored in music education; he married fellow music student Ann Uber in Hartford, Wisconsin on June 19, 1965; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Tirk taught in McHenry County, where he served as a music educator in Huntley, Woodstock, and Marengo for 29 years; he and his wife lived on farms in Woodstock and raised pigs, chickens, and got into the hay baling business; in Marengo, he took his band students on many adventures, including trips to California, Florida, and Churchill, Manitoba; after retirement, he continued to teach part time and worked for the Marengo Park District, where he created the "Summer with the Arts" program and helped to build the town pool; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bob Tirk enjoyed many hobbies, including ham
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3 collecting, bee keeping, and serving as a den mother for his
4 son's Cub Scout Pack; he loved any opportunity to gather with
5 family and friends; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Tirk is survived by his wife, Ann; his
7 daughter, Liz (Brian) Yanoff; his son, Richard (Suzanne) Tirk;
8 his brother, Kirby (Veronica) Tirk; and his grandchildren,
9 Eliana and Jacob Yanoff and Simon and Malia Tirk; therefore, be
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11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Robert "Bob" James Wescott Tirk and extend our sincere
14 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
15 him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Bob Tirk as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.