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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 Lester Charles Larson of Cleveland, who passed away on October 15, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Lester Larson was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa to Kenneth and Hazel VanKlaveren Larson on October 12, 1932; he was a veteran of the United States Navy; he married Lillian Bekerian in Boston, Massachusetts on July 3, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Lester Larson worked as a welder for many years; he was later employed as a foreman at John Deere Harvester Works and installed HVAC in his spare time; after retiring from John Deere, he worked with his sons at their arms manufacturing business, Rock Rover Arms, in Colona; and

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WHEREAS, Fondly referred to as "Kong" due to his size, Lester Larson was a member of the Colona American Legion Post 1233, where he was a commander, helped add on to the building after a fire, and volunteered his time as a cook; and

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WHEREAS, Lester Larson enjoyed fishing and mushroom hunting, as well as picking wild black raspberries and farming sweet corn; he also enjoyed entertaining his family and friends; he was an avid sports fan, and cheered on the Chicago

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1 Cubs, the Chicago Bears, and, back to his "Bostonian" roots,
2 the New England Patriots; and

3 WHEREAS, Lester Larson was preceded in death by his
4 parents; his son Mark Larson; and his brother, Herman Larson;
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6 WHEREAS, Lester Larson is survived by his wife, Lillian;
7 his children, Linda (Jim) White, Lisa (Gary) Sides, Mike
8 (Debbie Tyner) Larson, and Chuck (Melissa) Larson; his
9 grandchildren, Chad, Jennie, Matt, Jeremy, Sara, Katie,
10 Kenneth, Kassandra, Kyle, Jake, Trenton, and Logan; his
11 great-grandchildren, Kaya, Gage, Paige, Bradlee, Elyn,
12 Kinsley, Brinley, and Maddison; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Lester Charles Larson and extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Lester Larson as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.