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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 Harry A. Peterson of Rock Island, who passed away on October 30, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Peterson was born in Moline to Axel and Jennie Munson Peterson on December 13, 1922; he served in the United States Army Air Corps as a squadron navigator in the South Pacific during World War II and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster; he married Marion Yager in Moline on August 24, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Peterson worked as an educator in the Rock Island School District for 41 years as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal; he was a past president of the Rock Island Education Association; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Peterson was a proud, lifelong resident of Rock Island and was active in the community; he was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island; as a veteran, he traveled on an Honor Flight of the Quad Cities and said it was an experience of a lifetime; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Peterson was handy and built his own house in Rock Island and also helped family members with their own

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1 homes; he was part of the cabin house build in Michigan on the  
2 Upper Peninsula; this cabin was a favorite place to gather with  
3 family and friends; he was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and  
4 a cribbage player; he enjoyed spending time with his family,  
5 especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Harry Peterson was preceded in death by his wife,  
7 Marion; his parents; his brother, George Peterson; and his  
8 sister, Ruby Trich; and

9 WHEREAS, Harry Peterson is survived by his children,  
10 Deborah (James) Braet, Christine (Saad) Ahmed, Bruce (Sherry)  
11 Peterson, Pamela (Stephen) Saunders, Nan Hasenberg, Thomas  
12 (Phyllis) Peterson, and James (Jennifer) Peterson; his  
13 grandchildren, Kristin (Jeff) Stiefvater and their children,  
14 Hayes and Abby, Craig (Kelly) Braet and their children,  
15 Katelyn, Kelsey, and Clayton, Noah (Rachel) Ahmed and their  
16 son, Noah, Kyle (Divya) Peterson and their children, Shiv,  
17 Dhruv, and Naina, Brett Peterson, Todd (Emily) Peterson and  
18 their son, Jensen, Kina Peterson, Fuzzy (Liz) Saunders and  
19 their children, Alaina and Jack, Cameron Saunders, Bryan  
20 Saunders, Alison (Nick) Boisvert, Luke Hasenberg, Lisa  
21 Hasenberg, Emily Peterson, Matthew Peterson, Elias (Sarah)  
22 Peterson and their daughter, Katie, and Brady, Sam, and Will  
23 Peterson; his special friend and caregiver, Nancy Patton; and  
24 his many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews;

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 Harry A. Peterson 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 Harry Peterson as an expression of  
9 our deepest sympathy.