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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 Michael Lester Smith of Chicago, who passed away on October 25, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Smith was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan to Gerald and Dorothy Smith on January 25, 1946; he served in the United States Army as a medic in Germany during the Vietnam War and married Rebecca Smith on October 20, 1979; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Smith worked as a hemodialysis technologist at the University of Chicago Hospital for 40 years before retiring; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Smith's passion in life was baseball, whether it be playing, coaching, or watching; he was devoted to his family and enjoyed spending time with them; he never missed any of his children's games, plays, recitals, or any other activities in which they were involved; he played a huge role in the lives of many others, being a mentor to some; he was also generous with the community, spearheading projects such as a food bank for his patients and acquiring grants to build a baseball diamond at Kilbourn Park; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Smith is survived by his wife, Rebecca;

1 his children, Mark (Erica), Keith (Errin Gray), and Elizabeth;
2 and his grandchildren, Jack, Henry, and Scarlett; therefore, be
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4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Michael Lester Smith and extend our sincere condolences to his
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Michael Smith as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.