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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 Peter Stuart Schilke, retired Navy Commander, who passed away suddenly on May 19, 2018 at the age of 57; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Schilke was born to Donald and Margaret Chernals Schilke on September 20, 1960 in Oak Park, where he was raised; he attended Oliver W. Holmes Elementary School and Oak Park-River Forest High School until the age of 17 when he attended the U.S. Naval Academy; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Schilke attended the U.S. Navy's Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida; he later served on submarines and competed on the Naval Academy sailing team during which time he met Laura Iazard at the Storm Trysail regatta competition: they married on September 17, 1983; and

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WHEREAS, Peter Schilke served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1988 to 2004; he received a master's in mechanical engineering from Yale University in 1998 and continued his education, studying naval architecture, submarine weapons, and acoustics at MIT; he began his career in 1989 at Electric Boat, leaving to work at Millstone Nuclear Power Plant for five years before returning to Electric Boat until May of 2018; and

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1           WHEREAS, Peter Schilke and Laura settled down in Gales  
2           Ferry, Connecticut, where they raised their family; he was a  
3           one-of-a-kind dad, always making his family laugh while  
4           supporting them in the best ways possible; a State of Illinois  
5           track relay champion, he loved running and frequently ran with  
6           his children early in their lives; his sportsman spirit  
7           permeated all activities he shared with his wife and children;  
8           he was known for being the loudest one cheering at his  
9           children's sporting events and enthusiastically rooting for  
10          all team members; and

11          WHEREAS, Peter Schilke could fix anything around the house  
12          and loved working on his sailboats, the Captain Crunch and My  
13          Wawie; he enhanced everyday tasks by putting his own comedic  
14          spin on them; his numerous stories left his family and friends  
15          in laughter, and he began and ended all his days with his two  
16          dogs, Missy and Wolfman Jack, who always put a smile on his  
17          face; and

18          WHEREAS, Peter Schilke is survived by his wife, Laura Iazard  
19          Schilke; his children, Sarah, Peter Thomas, Erik, and Jonathan;  
20          his father and father's wife, Donald and Linda Schilke; his  
21          siblings, Carole Schilke and Paul Schilke (Marta); and his  
22          parents-in-law Margery and Dr. Mark Iazard; therefore, be it

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

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