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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 James "Jim" Hixson of Silvis, who passed away on January 19, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Hixson was born to Marvin Emery and Ellen Henrietta Olivier Hixson on September 4, 1949; his early years in Colona were spent hunting, fishing, trapping, raising farm animals, training horses, and working with his father in Hixson's Heating and Plumbing; he graduated from United Township High School in 1967 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1968; he served with the 2nd Ordnance/Field Maintenance Company 4th Marines through 1974; he married Jacqueline Guerrero on September 26, 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Hixson worked at the George Evans Corporation and John Deere as a welder and metal worker repairman for 17 years; he also worked at Quad City Downs, Casino Rock Island, and Rock Valley Industrial Therapy; and

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WHEREAS, In 1994 at age 45, Jim Hixson enrolled at Western Illinois University; he graduated summa cum laude in 1996 and taught in the Silvis/East Moline Elementary and Junior High School districts from 1998 to 2003; and

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1           WHEREAS, Jim Hixson was a service-connected disabled  
2 veteran; he was a lifetime member of Vietnam Veterans of  
3 America Chapter 299 and the Disabled American Veterans, where  
4 he served as managing editor of the chapter newsletter,  
5 Shoulder To Shoulder; he played Taps as a bugler with Bugles  
6 Across America; and

7           WHEREAS, Jim Hixson enjoyed spending time with his family  
8 and many friends, music, reading, gardening and lawn work, and  
9 utilizing his home gym throughout the years; he and his wife  
10 renewed their wedding vows in 2008; and

11           WHEREAS, Jim Hixson was immensely proud of being Native  
12 American; he received his third Sioux Eagle Feather in 2008 and  
13 acceded to elder status as a Lakota pipe carrier; and

14           WHEREAS, Jim Hixson was preceded in death by his parents;  
15 his sister, Donna; his brother-in-law, Bill Dailing; and his  
16 father-in-law, Roy Guerrero; and

17           WHEREAS, Jim Hixson is survived by his wife, Jackie; his  
18 daughters, Andrea (Brian) Nehlsen and Alissa Hixson; his  
19 grandsons, Vincent, Sage, Oliver, and Archer; his sisters,  
20 Janet Dailing and Jody (Chris) McClain; his mother-in-law,  
21 Rufina Guerrero; his brother-in-law, Earle McBride; and  
22 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 James "Jim" Hixson 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 Jim Hixson as an expression of our  
8 deepest sympathy.