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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 Elmer B. "Whitey" Hacker, who passed away on December 20, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Elmer Hacker was born in Waukegan to Elmer and Emily Hacker; after completing his freshman year at Waukegan Township High School, he attended school in North Chicago and graduated from North Chicago High School in 1955; after graduation, he joined the United States Air Force, where he was stationed at Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, Maine and served in the Strategic Air Command as a hydraulic mechanic and in-line fueling specialist for B52 bombers; he was honorably discharged in 1959; he returned home and married Joan Merlock on May 28, 1960; they later divorced but remained friends; and

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WHEREAS, Elmer Hacker worked as a machinist, draftsman, and mechanical engineer before driving trucks and hauling lowboy trailers for Skokie Valley Asphalt in Waukegan, a job he really loved; he retired in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, In 1980, Elmer Hacker met his current wife, Liz (Patty) Idstrom, and they were happy together for almost 39 years; in 1998, they moved to Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin; and

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1 WHEREAS, Elmer Hacker was preceded in death by his parents;
2 his former wife, Joan; his eldest son, Jeff Hacker; and his
3 brother, Jerry (Red) Hacker; and

4 WHEREAS, Elmer Hacker is survived by his wife, Liz (Patty);
5 his daughter, Kathy (Sal) Guadagna; his son, Don (Patti)
6 Hacker; his sisters, Paula Mercer and Judy Grubbs; his
7 grandchildren, Jade Ash, Ryan Hacker, and Tracilynn Hacker; his
8 six great-grandchildren; his many nieces and nephews; his best
9 friend, Bob Mitchell; and his many other good friends,
10 including his brother-in-law, Mike (Jennifer Idstrom) Frisby;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Elmer B. "Whitey" Hacker and extend our sincere condolences to
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Elmer Hacker as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.