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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 Gene Lee Cunningham of Bloomington, who passed away on November 27, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Cunningham was born in Bloomington to Harry and Irene Cunningham on December 6, 1937; he served in the U.S. Navy for over four years; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Cunningham loved kids and built Skate N Place in Bloomington in 1973; the 42 years he spent owning and operating Skate N Place with his wife were some of the happiest times of his life; he also operated Cunningham Enterprises and Illinois Pinball, which shipped pinball parts worldwide, and built the legendary Big Bang Bar pinball machine; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Cunningham was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Tami Lynn Pate; and his grandson, Michael Paul Miller; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Cunningham is survived by his wife of 46 years, Georgianna Cunningham; his children, Kimberli and Dan Carter, Wayne David Simmons, Rich Tewell, Jeana (Russell) Ballinger, Kelli (Chris) Brown, J.R. Cunningham, and Gina Lynn Cunningham; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren;

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1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Gene Lee Cunningham 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 Gene Cunningham as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.