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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 Ronald "Ron" W. Smith of Silvis, who passed away on April 26, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Smith was born to Stuart and Elinor Lee (Flaherty) Smith in Davenport, Iowa on December 12, 1946; he graduated from Winola High School in 1965 and attended Black Hawk Community College in Moline; he married Nancy Jean Peterson in Aledo on June 26, 1967; Ron was a Vietnam veteran who served in United States Navy from 1967 to 1969 as a seaman stationed on the USS New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Smith was a welder for John Deere in the cylinder division for 43 years; he retired on October 29, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Ron Smith was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Viola; he was very active in area sports and was the former president of the Winola Booster Club, the Junior Sheriffs Fast Pitch Softball League, and the Girls Little Six Softball League; he was appreciated by the community and commended for his efforts in the development of the New Windsor Park and baseball diamond; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ron Smith enjoyed coaching and was the coach for
2 the men's fast-pitch softball team, the women's softball team,
3 the Winola seventh and eighth grade football teams, the boys
4 and girls basketball teams, the Sherrard basketball and
5 football teams, the Junior Varsity girls softball team, his
6 son's basketball team from fourth grade to eighth grade, and
7 his grandson's seventh and eighth grade basketball teams in
8 AlWood; he was also a referee for several sports for eight
9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Ron Smith was preceded in death by his parents and
11 three nieces, Tammy Harrison, Toni Minter, and Rachel
12 Peterson; and

13 WHEREAS, Ron Smith is survived by his wife of 52 years,
14 Nancy Jean Smith; his son, Shea Smith; his three daughters,
15 Stephenie Smith, Tara (Chad) Case, and Brandy (Todd) Greenman;
16 his brother, Steve Smith; his four sisters, Theresa Harrison,
17 Chris (Randy) Cherrington, Jeannie Smith, and Melissa (Bart)
18 Sorrels; and his five grandchildren, Alex Case, Ridge Greenman,
19 Bailee Case, Briar Greenman, and Ganon Greenman; therefore, be
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21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
23 Ronald "Ron" W. Smith and extend our sincere condolences to his

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Ron Smith as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.