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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 O. "Jimmy" Williams of Moline, who passed away on May 5, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Jimmy Williams was born to Francis X. and Hedwig L. (Mrosko) Williams in Springfield on May 12, 1939; he served in the U.S. Navy and was awarded a commendation for jumping into shark infested Atlantic waters to rescue two pilots who had crashed near his ship; he was honorably discharged after four years of service; Jimmy married Mary Ann Mahieu in Moline on October 22, 1960, and she preceded him in death on January 4, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Jimmy Williams worked as a milkman for Downing's Dairy; he then retired from Dohrn Transfer Company; and

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WHEREAS, Jimmy Williams enjoyed helping others and often organized candy sales, pancake breakfasts, chili nights, sloppy joe suppers, and other events to raise money to support a cause he found important; by this example, he taught his children that by giving to others, you receive; he also modeled a tenacious work ethic and a determination to never quit trying, even when times were hard; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jimmy Williams loved talking with people and
2 making them laugh; he enjoyed golf, cards, and shooting pool;
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4 WHEREAS, Jimmy Williams was preceded in death by his
5 parents; his wife; his grandchildren, MaryJoy Therese and
6 Elijah Maccabee Williams; and his siblings, Sharon Van Daele
7 and Thomas and Robert Williams; and

8 WHEREAS, Jimmy Williams is survived by his children, Scott
9 (Elizabeth) Williams, Jeff (Chana) Williams, Tammy (Mike) Van
10 Hoe, Eric (Christina) Williams, and Sean (Katie) Williams; his
11 grandchildren, Ian and Seth Williams, Samantha Williams, Ryan
12 (Audrey) Williams, Elizabeth, Hannah, Sarah, and Rebekah Van
13 Hoe, Christian and Kolbe Williams, and Augustine, Anthony,
14 Ambrose, Joseph, Joshua, George, Patrick, and Vincent
15 Williams; and his great-grandchildren, Johnnie, Antonio, and
16 Harvey Williams; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 James O. "Jimmy" Williams and extend our sincere condolences to
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Jimmy Williams as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.