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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 Rudolf A. "Rudy" Frasca of Savoy, who passed away on May 11, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Rudy Frasca was born in Chicago to Anthony and Jenny Frasca on April 19, 1931; he started learning to fly when he was 14; he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, and he worked as a flight instructor while stationed at Glenview Naval Station; he attended the University of Illinois, where he researched aviation psychology and maintained simulators at the Aviation Research Lab; he married Lucille Matern in 1955; they moved to Champaign and raised their eight children; and

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WHEREAS, Rudy Frasca built his first flight simulator in his garage in Champaign; he founded Frasca Aviation in 1958, which was later renamed Frasca International; his company was located on the southeast corner of Neil and Green streets in Champaign until 1990, when the factory moved to Frasca Field in north Urbana; he became a titan in the flight simulation industry, with his simulators being sold around the world to aviation schools, commercial airlines, and the U.S. Navy; and

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WHEREAS, Rudy Frasca was a benefactor of several aviation

1 organizations; he had a special place in his heart for
2 collegiate aviation, including the National Intercollegiate
3 Flying Association (NIFA), the intercollegiate flight
4 competition SAFECON, and the University Aviation Association
5 (UAA); he loaned several of his aircraft to the Experimental
6 Aircraft Association (EAA) museum for the enjoyment of the
7 general public; and

8 WHEREAS, Rudy Frasca was active in many aviation
9 organizations; he received a number of accolades for his
10 personal efforts and his company's contributions, including
11 being selected as the grand marshal in the 2015 Champaign
12 County Freedom Celebration Parade and named the V. Dale Cozad
13 Entrepreneur of the Year by the Parkland College Foundation in
14 2013; and

15 WHEREAS, Rudy Frasca was known for his outgoing
16 personality, his sense of humor, his strong work ethic, and his
17 faith; his family was everything to him; he enjoyed organizing
18 fly-ins and collecting antique planes; he wrote a book about
19 his love of aviation called From Cubs to Spitfires; and

20 WHEREAS, Rudy Frasca was preceded in death by his parents
21 and his son, Joseph Frasca; and

22 WHEREAS, Rudy Frasca is survived by his wife, Lucille; his

1 seven children; and his 18 grandchildren; 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 Rudolf A. "Rudy" Frasca and extend our sincere condolences to
5 his 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 Rudy Frasca as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.