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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 Dennis A. "Denny" Yost, who passed away on November 1, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Yost was born on July 2, 1937, in Alton; he was the son of Fred and Evelyn (Scott) Yost; he married the former Mary A. O'Neal on December 6, 1980, in Godfrey; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Yost earned his bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Yost retired from the United States Navy with the rank of lieutenant after 4 tours of duty in Vietnam and over 600 combat missions as a Radar Intercept Officer in F-4B Phantom jet fighters; he was also a graduate and instructor at the Navy's Top Gun Fighter School; and

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WHEREAS, In recognition of his service to our country, Dennis Yost was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, 24 Air Medals, and a Navy Commendation Medal with two Stars and Combat "V"; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Yost was an operator at Amoco in Wood River, Whiting, Indiana, and Casper, Wyoming, from 1976 until

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1 his retirement in 1995; and

2 WHEREAS, Dennis Yost was of the Catholic faith; he was a
3 member of the Alton VFW Post 1308, the National Rifle
4 Association, the Austin Healey Club, and the Retired Officers
5 Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Dennis Yost enjoyed cooking, woodworking,
7 winemaking, mechanics, and lawn care; and

8 WHEREAS, Dennis Yost was preceded in death by his parents;
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10 WHEREAS, Dennis Yost is survived by his wife, Mary; his
11 children and their spouses, Lisa Sanders, Renee and Doug Myers,
12 Nicki and Tony Lopez, Dale Alan and Sarah Davis, Kim and Matt
13 DuBois, and Danny and Sheila Davis; his grandchildren, Alisha,
14 Ben, Shaun, Luke, Chris, Dennis, Laci, Nick, Zach, Garrett,
15 Stephanie, Monica, Heather, Misty, Justin, Deric, Dru, and
16 Kylee; his 6 great-grandchildren; his brothers and
17 sister-in-law, Larry and Susan Yost and Douglas Yost; and his
18 many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends; therefore, be
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20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 his family and friends, the passing of Dennis A. "Denny" Yost;
2 and be it further

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