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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the death of Andrew H. "Andy" Olesen of  
4 Rockford, who passed away on December 10, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Andrew Olesen was born on February 23, 1947, to  
6 Anker and Sena (Kuhlmann) Olesen; he married Patricia Beck on  
7 September 12, 1970, in Pierre, South Dakota; he was a Vietnam  
8 veteran and served in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot; and

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WHEREAS, Andrew Olesen was a longtime member of Bethlehem  
10 Lutheran Church; he enjoyed playing golf, racquetball, and was  
11 an avid Green Bay Packer fan; and

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WHEREAS, Andrew Olesen had been a pilot for the "REACT"  
13 team for Rockford Memorial Hospital for the past 5 years; it  
14 was during the discharge of his duties for REACT that he and  
15 flight nurses Jim Dillow and Karen Hollis perished when they  
16 encountered bad weather on route to pick up a critically ill  
17 patient; and

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WHEREAS, Andrew Olesen was preceded in death by his  
19 parents, Anker and Sena Olesen and his sister, Barbara; and

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WHEREAS, Andrew Olesen is survived by wife, Pat; his son,

1 Tony (Julie) Olesen; his daughter, Michelle (Rufo) Reyes; his  
2 grandchildren, Jacob, Caitlin, and Addison Olesen; his  
3 sisters, Kathryn Nordstrom and Connie (David) Selleck; and his  
4 nieces, Cindy Filips and Sherry Nordstrom, and their families;  
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Andrew Olesen, and we extend our sincere condolences to his  
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Andrew Olesen as an expression of  
13 our deepest sympathy.