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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are Senate are
3 saddened to learn of the death of Kenneth "Kenny" DeYoung of
4 Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Gurnee, who passed away on
5 September 9, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Kenneth DeYoung was born on November 24, 1937 to
7 Sam and Myrtle DeYoung; he graduated from North Chicago High
8 School in 1956, where he starred at left tackle and was
9 co-captain of the varsity football team; he also played on the
10 varsity golf team and served as Vice-President of the first
11 Warhawks Letterman's Club; he married Lois Semrau in Coleman,
12 Wisconsin on September 9, 1959 and they settled in North
13 Chicago; they relocated to Gurnee in 1971; and

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WHEREAS, Kenneth DeYoung worked as a structural iron worker
15 and was a life-long member of Local #1, Iron Workers of
16 America; and

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WHEREAS, Kenneth DeYoung was a 6-year member of the United
18 States Marine Reserves; he also served as a volunteer fireman
19 with the North Chicago Fire and Rescue Squad for 10 years; he
20 was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Saint Gilbert
21 Catholic Church in Grayslake, and the Gagewood Lions Club,
22 where he was honored with the prestigious Melvin Jones Award;

1 he happily played the role of Santa Claus at the Lions' Annual
2 Christmas Party for 17 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Kenneth DeYoung was a loyal fan of the Chicago
4 Cubs and Bears; he enjoyed playing poker with the Warhawk Poker
5 Club and, after his retirement to Las Vegas, at the local
6 casinos; he also enjoyed driving his motor home throughout the
7 West, often hitting Yellowstone National Park and Cubs' spring
8 training games; and

9 WHEREAS, Kenneth DeYoung was preceded in death by his
10 parents; his brother, Ed DeYoung; and his sisters, Delores (the
11 late Jerry) Willis and Marcella (the last Sam) Adams; and

12 WHEREAS, Kenneth DeYoung is survived by his wife of 54
13 years, Lois; his children, Brian (Sue) DeYoung, Debra (Randy)
14 Blum, and Noreen DeYoung; his grandchildren, Lauryn (Chris)
15 Otero, Lane (Matthew) Magera, Douglas Blum, and John and
16 Rachael Blum; and his great-grandchildren, Caidence and Levi
17 Otero and Skye Magera; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Kenneth "Kenny" DeYoung, and extend our sincere condolences to
21 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Kenneth DeYoung as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.