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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 J. Howard Yates, Jr. of Peoria, who passed away on January 7, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, J. Howard Yates, Jr. was born on September 22, 1943 in Evanston to Jess Howard, Sr. and Charlotte R. (nee Vavrik) Yates; he married Sharon Oberholtzer on November 30, 1963; he later married Diana Lynn Raymond on August 9, 1968 in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; he served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and

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WHEREAS, J. Howard Yates, Jr. worked as a sales representative for several different companies including Rudkin-Wiley in the Air Shield Division, Merrill Lynch, and Traders Realty; he also was the Director of Guest Services for the Peoria Chiefs baseball club; he retired in August of 2010; and

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WHEREAS, J. Howard Yates, Jr. a was a member and served as President of the South-West Kiwanis Club, board member of the Boys and Girls Club of America, program chairman of the Board of Realtors, Northwest United Methodist Church member, and administrative board member of Northwest UMC; and

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1 WHEREAS, J. Howard Yates, Jr. was an avid golfer with a
2 hole-in-one and an avid bowler with a 300 top score; he played
3 tenor saxophone in numerous dance and rock 'n' roll bands, as
4 well as the Bradley Friends & Family Band; he enjoyed singing
5 in the church choir and coached several of his son Kevin's
6 baseball teams; he was an ardent fan of the Peoria Chiefs and
7 the Chicago Bears and Cubs; and

8 WHEREAS, J. Howard Yates, Jr. was preceded in death by his
9 parents; his wife, Diana; and his son, Brian Keith; and

10 WHEREAS, J. Howard Yates, Jr. is survived by his sons, Tom
11 (Kim) Yates, Daniel Yates, and Kevin (Jennifer) Yates; his 4
12 grandchildren; his great-grandchild; his brother, Dr. Robert
13 (Karin) Yates; his sister, Carol (Carl) Allen; his
14 mother-in-law, Gertrude Tow; and several cousins, nieces, and
15 nephews; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 J. Howard Yates, Jr., and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of J. Howard Yates, Jr. as an

1 expression of our deepest sympathy.