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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 James S. Tonyan of McHenry, who passed away on February 25, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, James Tonyan was born in Chicago on July 4, 1945 to Sylvester "Wes" and Elsie (nee Stebley) Tonyan; he graduated from McHenry High School in 1963 and from Marquette University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; he entered the United States Army as a 1st Lieutenant in 1969, and achieved the rank of Captain while serving 2 tours of duty in Vietnam; he married Laurie Mitchell on December 21, 1974 at the chapel of Monroe Hospital in Monroe, Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, After being discharged, James Tonyan returned home to work alongside his father at the family business, Tonyan Brothers; and

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WHEREAS, James Tonyan served 12 years on the McHenry Community High School Board of Education from 1974-1986, and held several offices during that time; and

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WHEREAS, James Tonyan enjoyed taking trips with his family and his good friend, Ed, who accompanied him to many Civil War memorial sites as well as the World War II site of the Normandy

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2 WHEREAS, James Tonyan was preceded in death by his parents,
3 and by his sister, Audrey Regner; and

4 WHEREAS, James Tonyan is survived by his wife of 39 years,
5 Laurie; his children, Lindsay Tonyan and Wesley (Rebecca)
6 Tonyan; his grandchildren, Makaelyn and Rylinn; his
7 brothers-in-law, John Regner, Thomas (Jennifer) Mitchell, and
8 Daniel Mitchell; his sister-in-law, Michele (Ted) Moore; his
9 niece, Sara (Franz) Kuehnrich; his nephews, John Regner, Jr.
10 and Daniel Lee Moore; and his great-nieces and great-nephews,
11 Audria, Philip, William, Jacob, and Tea'; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 James S. Tonyan, and extend our sincere condolences to his
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of James Tonyan as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.