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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 Atkinson of North Chicago, who passed away on June 25, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, James Atkinson was born on May 6, 1955 in Waukegan and raised in North Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, James Atkinson worked for the United States Postal Service at its North Chicago office for more than 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, James Atkinson was a long-time member of Tiny's Social Club and an officer of the Zion Benton Moose Lodge; he lent his skills as a painter, carpenter, cook, server, bartender, and grill master to many people and charity events; he played Santa or an elf for the residents at the Kiley Developmental Center and NorthPointe Resources in Zion for several years; and

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WHEREAS, James Atkinson was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Sis Atkinson, and by one sister, Diane Ptasienski; and

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WHEREAS, James Atkinson is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Atkinson (Jason Clark); a son, James Jay Atkinson Jr.;

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1 3 sisters, Starr Atkinson, Shelly (Wally) Jakaitis, and Kathy  
2 (Barry) Delk; one brother, Elmer "Butch" Atkinson; a  
3 brother-in-law, Greg Ptasienski; his companions, Vicky and  
4 Roxy; 3 grandsons, Jaden, Charlie, and Tobias; and many loving  
5 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 James Atkinson, and 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 James Atkinson as an expression of  
13 our deepest sympathy.