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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 Richard Terrance "Terry" Donnelly of Peoria, who passed away on January 21, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Donnelly was born in Peoria on September 16, 1946 to Harold F. and Roberta C. (nee Loveridge) Donnelly; he was a graduate of St. Bernard Catholic Grade School and a 1964 graduate of the Spalding Institute; he attended St. Ambrose University until he joined the United States Air Force; he served in Vietnam (Cam Ranh Bay) attaining the rank of Sergeant in the Air Force Police K-9 Unit; he married Molly Ryan on February 25, 1967 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Donnelly returned home following his service, where he began his career as an avid restaurateur with the original Donnelly's Shamrock Pub in 1970, Peoria's oldest Irish pub; he went on to open 5 other restaurant locations: Terry's Old Time Inn, Donnelly's Apollo, Donnelly's Campustown, Donnelly's in Pekin, and Donnelly's Irish Pub on Rockwood, the newest location; he also hosted Peoria's legendary St. Patty's Day Bash at Expo Gardens for over 10 years; and

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1 WHEREAS, Richard Donnelly loved all things Irish, but his
2 greatest joy was bragging about his 17 grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Richard Donnelly was preceded in death by his
4 parents; his sister, Patty (Donnelly) Hibbs; one nephew from
5 his family; and 2 nephews from Molly's family; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Donnelly is survived by his wife, Molly;
7 his 2 daughters, Chris (Matt) Waugh and Katy (Shane) Matarelli;
8 his 3 sons, Patrick (Heather) Donnelly, Ryan (Jessie) Donnelly,
9 and Rich Donnelly; his 17 grandchildren, Emily, Maggie, and
10 Patrick Mercer, Charlie and Mary Kate Waugh, Hillary, Jack, and
11 Mary Jane Donnelly, Jack and Maddie Stephens, Finnegan, Nora,
12 and Ryan Donnelly, Sam, Will, and Max Matarelli, and Liam
13 Donnelly; his brother, Mike (Pam) Donnelly; and his 2 sisters,
14 Denise (Hugo) Schaub and Pam (Dan) Dillon; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Richard Terrance "Terry" Donnelly, and extend our sincere
18 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
19 him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Richard Donnelly as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.