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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 John J. "Jack" Justen of McHenry, who passed away on November 21, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, John Justen was born in McHenry on July 9, 1932 to John R. and Evelyn (nee Freund) Justen; he graduated McHenry High School in 1949 and attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, participating in the ROTC program; he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and entered the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant, serving stateside; he married Beverly D. Blish on September 7, 1958 at St. Mary's Church in McHenry and was a lifelong resident of McHenry; and

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WHEREAS, John Justen worked in the field of corporate accounting for over 30 years; he was first employed by Burgess Vibrocrafters, Inc. in Grayslake for 15 years and then by the McHenry Electric Company for over 15 years before retiring; and

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WHEREAS, John Justen was an active member of St. Mary's Church in McHenry, serving as an usher and regularly volunteering for church activities, such as the picnic and annual rummage sale; he was a member of the Knights of Columbus McHenry Council 1288 and was a lifetime member and Fourth

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1 Degree Knight of Bishop Boylan Assembly #198; he was also a  
2 member of the McHenry Moose Lodge and called bingo games at the  
3 McHenry Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4600; and

4 WHEREAS, John Justen's favorite activities included  
5 fishing, golf, volleyball, gardening, and dancing, especially  
6 the polka; he was an avid sports fan and played several sports  
7 in high school; his love of sports continued throughout his  
8 lifetime as he lent his skills to neighborhood children who  
9 needed someone to give them a little coaching assistance or  
10 just needed someone to play catch with; and

11 WHEREAS, John Justen was preceded in death by his parents;  
12 his wife, Beverly; his brothers, Eugene and Gerald Justen; and  
13 his sister, Gladys Ekholm; and

14 WHEREAS, John Justen is survived by his 4 children, Jeffrey  
15 Justen, Jody Justen, Stacey (Jon) Haapala, and Kristy (William)  
16 Hecke, and his 4 grandchildren, Nathaniel Justen, Brandon  
17 Hecke, Jacob Haapala, and Lindsey Haapala; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 John J. "Jack" Justen, and extend our sincere condolences to  
21 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of John Justen as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.