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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 Charles Joseph "Joe" Trefzger, Jr. of Peoria, who passed away on July 11, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Trefzger was born in Peoria in 1926 to Charles J. and Dora Trockur Trefzger; he graduated from Woodruff High School in 1944, where he played varsity football and was a standout varsity baseball player; in 1943, he was named the school's first Homecoming Chief; at 17 years of age, he enlisted in the United States Navy, becoming one of the younger members of the Greatest Generation; he served in the South Pacific on an oil tanker ship during World War II; he married Gladys Moody in 1948; and

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WHEREAS, After returning from the Navy in 1946, Joe Trefzger "reported for duty" at the family business; he became especially skilled at making cakes; from the early 1960s until 1993, he and his brother, Tom, were the fourth generation of Trefzgers to run the firm's operations; in 1977, he and his family reopened their own store at the Prospect Road location; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Trefzger enjoyed visiting his "old haunts", where he was always warmly welcomed; after retiring, he met for

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1 lunch on Fridays for more than 20 years with lifelong Glen Oak  
2 School and Woodruff friends; and

3 WHEREAS, Joe Trefzger was preceded in death by his parents;  
4 his son-in-law, Michael Corn; his sisters-in-law, Marilyn  
5 Trefzger and Billie Kimball; his brothers-in law, John Kimball  
6 and Henry Almasy; his nephews, Richard and Paul Trefzger; and  
7 his beloved aunts, Marie and Verna; and

8 WHEREAS, Joe Trefzger is survived by his wife, Gladys; his  
9 daughters, Sharon Corn and Beth Trefzger; his son, Joseph  
10 (Connie) Trefzger; his brothers, John Trefzger and Thomas  
11 (Betty) Trefzger; his grandchildren, Amanda and Ronald  
12 Trefzger; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15 Charles Joseph "Joe" Trefzger, Jr., and extend our sincere  
16 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
17 him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Joe Trefzger as an expression of our  
20 deepest sympathy.