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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 Tom D. Morss of Peoria, who passed away on July 8, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Morss was born in Galesburg on March 17, 1947 to Leanon and Elaine (nee Donaldson) Morss; he married Jessie Russo on May 27, 1967 in Abingdon; he served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969, including a 10-month tour in Thailand, where he worked in satellite communications; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Morss owned a transportation company, Traffic Tom, Inc., where he created an environment that was about serving the customer and providing quality jobs; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Morss was a longtime parishioner of Holy Family and also loved serving the Cursillo community; he and his wife, Jessie, made Cursillo in 1984; in September of 2013, he served as the rector of Cursillo 1045, choosing the theme of "We Will Rise Again"; he was a talented musician, serving as a drum major in high school, playing trombone professionally as a young man, and singing with various church choirs, including the contemporary choir for more than a decade at Holy Family; and

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1           WHEREAS, Tom Morss loved attending his grandchildren's  
2 ball games, concerts, and recitals; in June of 2015, he was the  
3 survivor honoree at the Bartonville Relay for Life; and

4           WHEREAS, Tom Morss was preceded in death by his parents;  
5 his sister, Connie Morss; and his father and mother-in-law,  
6 Dominick and Glenessa Russo; and

7           WHEREAS, Tom Morss is survived by his wife, Jessie; his  
8 daughter, Gina (Bill) Morss-Fischer; his grandchildren Noah,  
9 Kylie, Vanessa, and Maya Fischer; his aunt, Leona Runyon; and  
10 numerous cousins, extended family, and friends; therefore, be  
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12           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Tom D. Morss, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
15 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to Tom Morss as an expression of our esteem and  
18 respect.