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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 Giles Ronald Weigandt of Moline, who passed away on July 6, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Giles Weigandt was born in Moline on August 7, 1932 to Arnold and Hannah Schiller Weigandt; he served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1953 to 1955; he graduated from Augustana College in Rock Island in 1956 with a master's degree in psychology; and

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WHEREAS, Giles Weigandt worked as a mortuary assistant for Esterdahl Mortuary and Crematory, Ltd. in Moline from 1985 to 2010; prior to that, from 1957 to 1973, he was the manager of Weigandt's Meat Market and Specialty Store in Moline; he was also a well-known handwriting analyst and consultant to lawyers, police, and the public; and

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WHEREAS, Giles Weigandt studied commercial art and graduated from the Art Instruction, Inc. of Minneapolis; he was a speaker to hundreds of area groups on handwriting analysis and a teacher of handwriting analysis since 1971 at area community colleges and adult education facilities; he was President of the Illowa Handwriting Analysis Club since 1970 and a member of the American Association of Handwriting

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1 Analysts; he conducted workshops for other professional
2 graphologists and wrote an instruction book on handwriting
3 analysis, which was used in teaching classes; he volunteered
4 for programs on handwriting analysis at various nursing homes
5 and hospitals; and

6 WHEREAS, Giles Weigandt was a member of the Moline Veterans
7 of Foreign Wars and the Moline American Legion; he was a life
8 member of Trinity Lutheran, where he had been a choir member
9 for 62 years and served for several terms on church council and
10 on various task forces; he was also a church soloist at many
11 churches in the area; since its founding in 1949, he had been
12 active in the Quad-City Music Guild through 1977, singing in 35
13 of their productions; he was a member of the Metropolitan Opera
14 Guild since 1955; he was also a funeral soloist for many of the
15 area funeral homes; and

16 WHEREAS, Giles Weigandt traveled in every state, plus
17 several foreign countries; he was the family historian and kept
18 many local pictures with family going back to the 1890s,
19 including historical notes and pictures on Moline's 7th Street
20 area; he kept a large library at his home; he was also an
21 artist and painted many landscapes; and

22 WHEREAS, Giles Weigandt was preceded in death by his
23 parents and his sister, Corrine Tiedge; and

1 WHEREAS, Giles Weigandt is survived by his brothers and
2 sisters, Dale Weigandt, Pat (Bob) Kleinsmith, Janice Allinger,
3 and Randy (Penny) Weigandt; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Giles Ronald Weigandt, and extend our sincere condolences to
7 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Giles Weigandt as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.