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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 James Allen Cummings of Peoria, who passed away on September 18, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, James Cummings was born in LaSalle-Peru on April 22, 1931 to Florence Herberger-Lindner; he married Gail Mary Michael on September 6, 1952 at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Peoria; he received his Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Management and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, James Cummings worked as an attorney; and

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WHEREAS, James Cummings served on the Peoria Park District board for over 40 years; he was an active member and past President of the Peoria Republican Party and head of the Peoria Diocese Council of Catholic Men; he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council #4333, past President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and past President of the Downtown Kiwanis Club; he was head of the U of I Newman Club, head of the U of I Ethic Committee, and founder of the Lincoln Statue Committee and the Lincoln Award Committee; and

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WHEREAS, James Cummings was an excellent bridge player; he

1 enjoyed golfing, fishing, antiquing, and auctions; he will be  
2 remembered for his love of dogs, enjoying long Sunday drives,  
3 and being an Abraham Lincoln expert; and

4 WHEREAS, James Cummings was preceded in death by his  
5 parents; his stepfather, Walt Lindner; his grandchild, Patrick  
6 Vaughn; and his great-grandchild, Kellen Berkemeier; and

7 WHEREAS, James Cummings is survived by his wife, Gail; his  
8 children, Mary (Phillip) Berkemeier, Kate (Gerald) Wren,  
9 Angie (Phillip) Owens, Mike (Marguerite) Cummings, Teresa  
10 (Mike) Green, Mark (Kelly), Julie (David) Vaughn, and Kelly  
11 Cummings; his 26 grandchildren; and his 27  
12 great-grandchildren; 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 James Allen Cummings, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
17 further

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