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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 William Micheal O'Neill, who passed away on August 6, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, William O'Neill was born on December 20, 1933 in Philo; his parents were Everett M. O'Neill and Cecilia E. (nee Lannon) O'Neill; he married Mary Sue Campbell on April 3, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, William O'Neill grew up in Urbana; he graduated from Urbana High School in 1951 and attended the University of Illinois to study architecture; and

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WHEREAS, William O'Neill joined the United States Navy in 1952, where he was proud to become a member of the Naval Construction Forces - the Seabees; he and his wife went to Bermuda, where he served the Navy as an electrician and they began their family; he retired at the rank of commander after serving in the United States Naval Reserve for 24 years following his active duty; and

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WHEREAS, Upon returning to Champaign, William O'Neill worked at CS Johnson as a draftsman and then at the Alloy Engineering and Casting Company, where he held the positions of

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1 president and chairman of the board for more than 25 years
2 until his retirement in 1994; and

3 WHEREAS, William O'Neill was a member of the National
4 Foundry Association, a member and past chairman of the Cast
5 Metals Institute, and a member and president of the American
6 Foundry Society, where he was the recipient of the prestigious
7 industry award, the William H. McFadden Gold Medal, for his
8 promotion of scholarships supporting foundry careers; he also
9 served on the board of directors of several local financial
10 institutions, including Central Illinois Bank, Commercial
11 Bank, Freestar Bank, and Strategic Capital Bank; and

12 WHEREAS, William O'Neill was a member of St. Peter's United
13 Church of Christ; and

14 WHEREAS, William O'Neill enjoyed traveling abroad,
15 architecture and design, attending reunions, airplanes,
16 carpentry, landscaping, boating, reading, watching sports, old
17 westerns and war films, and teasing his wife, children, and
18 grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, William O'Neill was preceded in death by his
20 parents and 2 brothers, Robert O'Neill and James O'Neill; and

21 WHEREAS, William O'Neill is survived by his wife of 62

1 years, Mary Sue; his children, W. Micheal (Tracie) O'Neill,
2 Jr., Cinda (Chris) Noffke, Patrick (Terry) O'Neill, and Mindy
3 (Jim) Bolin; his grandchildren, Marisa (Derek) Friske, Angela
4 Noffke, Joshua Noffke, Ashley Bolin, Nick Bolin, Eric O'Neill,
5 Aerin Bender, Katie (Mike) Seiffertt, Liz (Joe) Cowman, and
6 Alycia Marfongella; 7 great-grandchildren; a brother, Richard
7 (Pat) O'Neill; and his many extended family members and
8 friends; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
11 family and friends, mourn the passing of William Micheal
12 O'Neill; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of William O'Neill as an expression of
15 our sympathy.