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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Dennis DeToye; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis DeToye taught for over 35 years; he spent
5 his entire teaching career as an art teacher and Art Department
6 Chair at Edwardsville High School; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Dennis DeToye would spend
8 several hours a day, often long into the night, working on
9 large-scale portraits; his paintings have hung in several
10 galleries in the St. Louis region; he purchased close to 100
11 pieces of student artwork, which he later donated back to
12 Edwardsville High School; he and his wife filled their home
13 with his work and the work of other local and regional artists;
14 he was proud of the part he played in finding a home for the
15 Edwardsville Art Center in Edwardsville High School and was
16 humbled when the student gallery at the Center was named in his
17 honor; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis DeToye served as Mayor of Edwardsville; he
19 had a positive impact on the growth and development of
20 Edwardsville and was especially proud that his name is on the
21 plaque dedicating the new wing of the Edwardsville Public
22 Library; and

1 WHEREAS, Dennis DeToye loved ESIC Baptist Church and served
2 as deacon and trustee there for years; at various times in his
3 life, he was also an airplane pilot, a football coach, a
4 community theater performer, a Student Council Advisor, a world
5 traveler, an unpublished novelist, a bicyclist, an activist,
6 and a best friend; and

7 WHEREAS, Dennis DeToye was the best husband and best friend
8 to his wife, Lela; he was a devoted and loving father to his
9 daughters, Anne and Kate; he was a role model for his
10 sons-in-law, Cody Moore and Zac Friederich; he was a proud and
11 doting grandfather for Emma and Joey Moore and Olive
12 Friederich; 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 Dennis DeToye, 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 Dennis DeToye as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.