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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 Philip Michael Doherty, Sr. of East Moline, who passed away on November 29, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Doherty, Sr. was born in New York, New York on May 29, 1930; he attended St. Meinrad's Seminary before being drafted into the military; he served during the Korean War, stationed mainly in Germany and achieving the rank of Sergeant; after his service, he attended Marion College in Indianapolis, Indiana and Penn State, where he received his master's degree in German; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Doherty, Sr. was so taken with Germany that he became an associate professor of German, first at Notre Dame University and then at Loyola University; he later settled in Moline, where he was the German teacher at Moline High School for nearly 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Doherty, Sr. was heavily involved in local musical theater at the Quad City Music Guild and taught himself to tap dance; he enjoyed telling jokes, storytelling, singing, and playing the guitar, the piano, and the accordion; he also enjoyed classical music and philosophy; he hated sports but loved PDQ Bach, Monty Python, the TV show "Soap", target

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1 shooting, and Blatz beer; he played German folk music in the
2 background almost all the time on reel-to-reel tape recorders
3 he "borrowed" from Moline High School, and, when he took his
4 family camping in their pop-up Starcraft camper, he often sang
5 folk songs in German and English around the campfire every
6 night and made everyone join in; and

7 WHEREAS, Philip Doherty, Sr. was preceded in death by his
8 son, Richard; his wife, Anna; his 3 brothers; and his grandson,
9 Gabe Mattly; and

10 WHEREAS, Philip Doherty, Sr. is survived by his 4 children,
11 Colleen Romanelli, Pamela Ramos, Sheila (Mike) Mattly, and Phil
12 Doherty; his 4 grandchildren, Branden Engleking, Marisa and
13 Karina Ramos, and Nicolas Mattly; and his great-grandchild,
14 Philip; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Philip Michael Doherty, Sr., and extend our sincere condolences
18 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Philip Doherty, Sr. as an expression
22 of our deepest sympathy.