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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 Don "Chico" Fernandes of Jacksonville, who passed away on March 1, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Don Fernandes was born on September 1, 1935 in Jacksonville; his parents were Walter and Abbie Drake Fernandes; he married Gail Urheim on June 16, 1956 at St. Cletus Church in LaGrange; and

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WHEREAS, Don Fernandes was a 1953 graduate of Jacksonville High School; he was the longtime owner of the Baptist Electronic Supply Company and was proud of the significant business relationships he built throughout his career; and

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WHEREAS, Don Fernandes was a member of the Jacksonville Country Club and a lifetime member of the Jacksonville Elks Lodge; he enjoyed his days at the Elks Club, winning games of gin rummy and exchanging witty banter with his many friends; he also enjoyed golf, traveling the world, spending winters in Texas, and spending time with his family; and

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WHEREAS, Don Fernandes was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Walter, Edward, Harold, Stanley, Jimmie, Billie, and Robert; and

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1 WHEREAS, Don Fernandes is survived by his wife, Gail; his
2 children, Don (Ann) Fernandes, Patty McCabe, Susie Pennell,
3 Julie (Jay) McNichols, and Mike (Kelly) Fernandes; his
4 grandchildren, Jennifer Fernandes, Tyler McCabe, Jessica
5 (Chris) Smyth, Rachel (Matt) McGuire, Blake Surratt, Logan
6 McNichols, Emily McNichols, Alex Fernandes, and Kylie
7 Fernandes; his great-grandchildren; and his siblings,
8 Catherine Ward and Richard (Barb) Fernandes; 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 Don "Chico" Fernandes;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Don Fernandes as an expression of
15 our sympathy.