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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 Antonio W. "Tony" Ferris of Peoria, who passed away on March 29, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Antonio Ferris was born on June 25, 1939 in Peoria; his parents were Frederick and Cecelia Williams-Ferris; he married Nayibe "Naya" Salomon on December 10, 1960 in North Tonawanda, New York; and

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WHEREAS, Antonio Ferris grew up in Peoria on First Street in a house that was connected to Ferris Market, the family grocery store; he graduated from Spalding High School in 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Antonio Ferris served in the United States Army Reserve for six years; and

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WHEREAS, Antonio Ferris worked at Komatsu Mining System as a welder for 34 years until his retirement in 1998; he also worked as a mechanic for Travis and Egolf Cadillac and was a committeeman for the International Brotherhood Boiler Makers Union; following his retirement, he loved spending his time as a volunteer at Proctor Hospital and at local prisons ministering to inmates; and

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1 WHEREAS, Antonio Ferris was a loyal and active member of
2 the Men's Itoo Society; he was actively involved in the St.
3 Thomas Catholic Church Men's Club, serving as treasurer; he led
4 the fundraising efforts for the church with Casino Nights, fish
5 frys, and other events for many years; and

6 WHEREAS, Antonio Ferris enjoyed fishing with his family and
7 friends and playing cards in his long-standing Sunday game; and

8 WHEREAS, Antonio Ferris was preceded in death by his wife,
9 Nayibe; his parents; his brother, Larry; and his son, Phillip;
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11 WHEREAS, Antonio Ferris is survived by his children, Denise
12 Ferris (Chan-li Lin), Frederick Ferris, and Kevin (Danielle)
13 Ferris; his grandchildren, Kylie Ferris, Abigayle Plutz, and
14 Vincent Phillip Ferris, with another on the way; and his
15 sisters, Susan Salomon and Jeannie Ferris; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
18 family and friends, mourn the passing of Antonio W. "Tony"
19 Ferris; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Antonio Ferris as an expression of
2 our sympathy.