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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 Ronald L. "Ron" Tendick of Jacksonville, who passed away on March 27, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Tendick was born on April 18, 1942 in Jacksonville; his parents were Lee O. and Marjorie I. DeLong Tendick; he married Rosemary Dawson on June 30, 1967 in Jacksonville; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Tendick was a 1960 graduate of Jacksonville High School; he then attended Illinois College, which presented him with an honorary Bachelor of Arts degree in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Music was an important part of Ronald Tendick's life since his time in the Jacksonville High School Band; after high school, he played with three bands, including The Dynamics, The Clarke Brothers, and The Sound Organization, where he became known as "Rockin Ron"; and

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WHEREAS, From 1969 to 1985, Ronald Tendick served as News and Sports Director at WLDS/WEAI Radio, where he became well-known for covering the City Council and broadcasting high school sports in west central Illinois, often with his long-time friend and fellow broadcaster, Jerry Symons; he later

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1 joined Passavant Hospital in Jacksonville as their Community
2 Relations Director from 1985 to 1989; and

3 WHEREAS, Ronald Tendick was elected to serve as
4 Jacksonville's 5th Ward Alderman in 1987; he then left the
5 hospital following his successful election as Mayor of
6 Jacksonville in 1989; he served as Mayor for five terms,
7 serving for 20 years until his retirement in 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, Ronald Tendick was a devoted community servant; he
9 served on the boards of the Prairieland United Way, the
10 Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Municipal
11 League, and the Illinois News Broadcasters; he was a founding
12 member and past chairman of the Jacksonville Regional Economic
13 Development Corporation; he was a past chairman of the
14 Passavant Area Hospital board of directors and a past president
15 and member of the Jacksonville Rotary Club; he was also a
16 member and vice chairman of Network Knowledge (Public
17 Television), committee chairman for the Passavant Hospital
18 Foundation, and vice president of the Jacksonville Area
19 Visitors and Convention Bureau; and

20 WHEREAS, Ronald Tendick was a devoted member of Westfair
21 Baptist Church, where he served as a Sunday school teacher for
22 young people and later for adult classes for many years; he was
23 an integral part of the music ministry of the church, singing

1 in the choir, playing his guitar, and providing vocal solos;
2 his love and interest in young people carried through his role
3 as Mayor, where he was often seen communicating with children
4 in schools, camps, and public events; and

5 WHEREAS, Ronald Tendick enjoyed restoring antique cars,
6 working in his flower beds, researching genealogy, studying
7 history, drinking coffee at the Elks Club, playing Farkle, and
8 relaxing with his family; and

9 WHEREAS, Ronald Tendick was preceded in death by his
10 parents and his sister, Doris Kennedy; and

11 WHEREAS, Ronald Tendick is survived by his wife, Rosemary;
12 his daughter, Lana (Joe) Keen; his son, Lane (Rachel) Tendick;
13 his grandchildren, Levi Rogers, Katie Purdue, and Pvt. James
14 Purdue; and his two nieces; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
17 family and friends, mourn the passing of Ronald L. "Ron"
18 Tendick; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Ronald Tendick as an expression of
21 our sympathy.