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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Richard A. "Dick" Puder, Sr. of Silvis, 4 who passed away on May 19, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Puder, Sr. was born on October 17, 1941 in 6 Martinsburg, Iowa; his parents were Everard and W. Olive Meeker 7 Puder; he married Sandra Detwiler on June 28, 1969 in Rock 8 Island County; and

WHEREAS, Richard Puder, Sr. attended school in Martinsburg and What Cheer, Iowa; he enlisted in the United States Army in 1959 and served as a tank commander in the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Bad Hersfeld, Germany, on the East German/West German border until 1962, when he was honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, Richard Puder, Sr. moved to Silvis and began working for the John Deere Plow Planter Works in Moline; he worked in the Inspection and Cylinder Testing and Development Department for 35 years until his retirement in January of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Richard Puder, Sr. was active in the Tri-City Motorcycle Club, racing motocross and enduro on the national circuit from 1965 to 1978 and as an AMA District 17 referee

- 1 from 1976 to 1980; he was a lifelong outdoorsman and loved
- 2 adventure; he spent as much time as he could canoeing,
- 3 backpacking, cycling, and mountaineering in remote wilderness
- 4 areas; he was active in the YMCA Indian Guides and
- 5 Trailblazers, Saukenuk Paddlers Canoe Club, Iowa Mountaineers,
- 6 Quad City Bicycle Club, and as a leader in the Illowa Council
- 7 Boy Scouts of America and Order of the Arrow; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Richard Puder, Sr. was preceded in death by his
- 9 parents; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Richard Puder, Sr. is survived by his wife of 46
- 11 years, Sandra; his son, Richard (Meridith) Puder, Jr.; his
- 12 daughter, Kat (Timothy) Johnson; and his grandson, Jonathan;
- 13 therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
- 15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
- 16 family and friends, mourn the passing of Richard A. "Dick"
- 17 Puder, Sr.; and be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 19 presented to the family of Richard Puder, Sr. as an expression
- of our sympathy.