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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 Frederick Ray Sparks, Sr. of Rock Island, who passed away on June 19, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Frederick Sparks, Sr. was born on October 15, 1938 in Hannibal, Missouri; his parents were Lewis and Irene Herring Sparks; he married Sharon Lynne Minnich on August 9, 1958 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline; and

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WHEREAS, Frederick Sparks, Sr. proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps; and

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WHEREAS, Frederick Sparks, Sr. worked as a union pipefitter for United Association Local 25 in Rock Island for many years until his retirement in 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Frederick Sparks, Sr. was a gifted mechanic and welder; he was also an avid duck hunter, deer hunter, and all-around outdoorsman; and

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WHEREAS, Frederick Sparks, Sr. was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon; his parents; and his sister, Norma Tollenaer; and

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WHEREAS, Frederick Sparks, Sr. is survived by his children,

1 Lewis (Kym) Sparks II, Frederick R. "Pete" Sparks, Jr., and  
2 Lynne Sparks; his grandchildren, Fred Sparks III, Dr. Jesse  
3 (Omid Keshtkar) Sparks, and Jamie Sparks; and his  
4 great-granddaughter, Alexis McClay; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
7 family and friends, mourn the passing of Frederick Ray Sparks,  
8 Sr.; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Frederick Sparks, Sr. as an  
11 expression of our sympathy.