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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 Donald A. "Rudy" Rudat, who passed away on September 14, 2016 at the age of 83; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Rudat was born on September 17, 1932 on the Rudat Farm Property in Crystal Lake; his parents were Fred Rudat, Sr. and Augusta Rudat; he married Donna Nitz on April 30, 1960; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Rudat attended Immanuel Lutheran Grade School and graduated from Crystal Lake Central High School in 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Rudat served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951 to 1954 during the Korean Conflict; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Rudat worked for Inland Supply, Paragon Supply, and Crawford Supply in the plumbing, heating, and cooling industry in Elgin for 57 years until his retirement in March of 2007; he also served as Executive Director of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors - Elgin and Vicinity for 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Rudat was a member of Immanuel Lutheran

1 Church in Crystal Lake and served on many boards and
2 committees; he served on the City of Crystal Lake Fire and
3 Police Commission for over 20 years; he established the Teen
4 Table Talks Program and enjoyed working with church teens and
5 volunteering for PADS, making French toast and sausage for
6 patrons; he was also a volunteer at the Crystal Lake Food
7 Pantry until July of 2015; and

8 WHEREAS, Donald Rudat enjoyed gardening, working in the
9 yard, walking his dogs, watching the birds, and keeping the
10 squirrels away from his feeders to no avail; and

11 WHEREAS, Donald Rudat was preceded in death by his parents;
12 his sisters, Viola Meier, Marjorie Frisch, and Nancy Rudat; and
13 his brother, Fred Rudat, Jr.; and

14 WHEREAS, Donald Rudat is survived by his wife, Donna; his
15 children, Donette (Brian) Beattie, Donald A. Rudat, Jr., Todd
16 (Sheila) Rudat, and Beth (Edward) Devaney; his grandchildren,
17 Tristan, Trevor, and Trey; and many nieces and nephews;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
21 family and friends, mourn the passing of Donald A. "Rudy"
22 Rudat; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Donald Rudat as an expression of our
3 sympathy.