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1   SENATE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3   learn of the death of Ralph S. Dufour of Moline, who passed
4   away on October 29, 2016; and

5   WHEREAS, Ralph Dufour was born in Moline to Marcel and
6   Leona (DeBel) Dufour on August 2, 1928; he married Ann Kuhn at
7   St. Francis Church in Ottawa on November 10, 1951; he served
8   five years in the United States Marine Corps; he spent two
9   years in the Reserve; his two years of active duty were spent
10 in China; he was an extra in the John Wayne movie, "Flying
11 Leathernecks"; and

12   WHEREAS, Ralph Dufour retired from the Crawford Company in
13 Rock Island; after he finished his apprenticeship, he was the
14 second person Harvey Crawford hired after starting the company;
15 he was known for his work with copper and installed the copper
16 roof on the old Moline Post Office, which is now owned by Kone;
17 and

18   WHEREAS, Ralph Dufour was a member of Sacred Heart Church,
19 Catholic Order of Forrester Court 1691, Sheet Metal Local 91,
20 American Legion Post 246 in Moline, the East Moline Pigeon
21 Club, and the Friend Circle Club; he enjoyed fishing, hunting,
22 and raising racing pigeons; and

1   WHEREAS, Ralph Dufour was preceded in death by his parents;

2 his sister, Mary Lou Crouse; and his son-in-law, Rudy Werner;

3 and

4   WHEREAS, Ralph Dufour is survived by his wife, Ann; his

5 children, Martina Werner, Chris (Vicki) Dufour, Marcia (James)

6 Harl, Mary Lou Dufour (Dale Brewer), Theresa (Steve) Price,

7 Bill (Kerri) Dufour, Joan (Dan) Noe, and Michelle (Kory) Melin;

8 18 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

9   RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

11 Ralph S. Dufour, and extend our sincere condolences to his

12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it

13 further

14   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

15 presented to the family of Ralph Dufour as an expression of our

16 deepest sympathy.