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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 John F. "Koz" Kozonasky, who passed away on January 28, 2017 at the age of 66; and

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WHEREAS, John Kozonasky was born in Trenton, New Jersey to John M. and Hazel Ruth (Coonrod) Kozonasky on December 27, 1950; he was active with the Boy Scouts of America, earning the rank of Eagle Scout; he graduated from Alton High School in 1969 and married Claudia McGinnis in Alton on September 7, 1984; and

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WHEREAS, John Kozonasky served in the United States Army as part of the presidential helicopter fleet; he later worked out of Belgium, handling personnel duties at SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe); he worked for a short time at McDonnell Douglas before starting EMT training in 1978; he joined MedCo Ambulance Service, where he worked for two years before joining Campbell's Ambulance Service, the predecessor company of LifeStar Ambulance Service, from where he retired on September 1, 2011 after 33 years of service as a paramedic; he then worked at The Alton Telegraph; and

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WHEREAS, John Kozonasky was a member of the Cherry Street Baptist Church; he enjoyed camping and spending time with his

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1 grandkids; he was always willing to help family and friends,
2 and even a stranger whenever needed; and

3 WHEREAS, John Kozonasky was preceded in death by his
4 parents and his grandparents; many aunts and uncles; his
5 mother-in-law, and a great-nephew, Samuel Biggs; and

6 WHEREAS, John Kozonasky is survived by his wife; his
7 children, Brian (Dusty) Stahlschmidt, Chad (Brittney)
8 Stahlschmidt, John Michael Kozonasky, and Tara (Don) Cherry;
9 his grandchildren, Tyler, Trey, Hope, and Sierra Stahlschmidt,
10 and Ashley, Madison, and Emilee Cherry; three sisters, Sue
11 (Weston) Cole, and Marcia and Mary Kozonasky; his
12 sister-in-law, Jenny (Jason) Hausman; his brother-in-law,
13 Michael (Debbie) McGinnis; and many aunts, cousins, nieces,
14 nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and his beloved dog, Sassy;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 John F. "Koz" Kozonasky, and extend our sincere condolences to
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of John Kozonasky as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.