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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 Walter F. Aerne of Glen Carbon, who passed away on February 12, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Aerne was born in Granite City to Henry O. and Rose M. (DeGonia) Aerne on April 22, 1930; he served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean War and was active with the U.S. Marine Corps Band; he married Lucile E. Colin in Glen Carbon on May 19, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Aerne was the co-founder and owner of AMSCO Mechanical, Inc. in Granite City; he served as President of Great Southwestern Illinois Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors (PHCC) for 30 years, which created the Walt Aerne Leadership Award to recognize significant leadership contributors to the organization; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Aerne was a member of the Illinois PHCC and served as the Chairman of the statewide convention for many years; he served as a Trustee for the Plumbers Local #360 and Steamfitters Local #439; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Aerne had a love of music and the trumpet that continued throughout his lifetime; he cherished his

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1 children and grandchildren and took joy in being among his  
2 family and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, Walter Aerne was preceded in death by his parents;  
4 his son, Dean Aerne; his grandson, Shane Aerne; his brothers,  
5 Clarence and Art Aerne; and his sisters, Anna May Foster, and  
6 Roselee Hoelter; and

7 WHEREAS, Walter Aerne is survived by his wife, Lucile; his  
8 daughters, Jorja (Kent) Dickemann, Jo Aerne, and Debra Aerne  
9 (Kristopher Loewe); his son, David (Melissa) Aerne; his  
10 stepsons, James Chambers, and Christopher (Pam) Chambers; his  
11 grandchildren, Nathan (Laura), Meagan (fiance Brent), Clayton,  
12 Dane, and Caleb; his honorary grandson, Josh; his  
13 step-grandchildren, Ashley (Brad), Katie, Gus, Caroline, Max,  
14 Olivia, Sam, Alyssa, and Leslee; his great-granddaughter,  
15 Margo; his step-great-granddaughter, Kendyll; many nieces and  
16 nephews; and other extended family and friends; therefore, be  
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18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Walter F. Aerne, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Walter Aerne as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.