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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Steven Michael Mertel; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Mertel was born to Stephen and Irene Mertel
5 on December 10, 1941; he served in the United States Army as a
6 military policeman from 1959 to 1963 and married Betty in 1970;
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WHEREAS, Steven Mertel spent the majority of his career in
9 the auto industry; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Mertel had a passion for cars; his favorite
11 pastimes included fishing, boating, taking drives, traveling
12 to Florida, and spending summer days surrounded by family and
13 friends by the pool in his backyard which he called his "small
14 slice of paradise"; he was kind and generous; he loved his
15 family fiercely and if you were a friend, he considered you
16 family; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Mertel was preceded in death by his
18 grandson, Jason Wallace; his siblings, Carole Zimney and Teddy
19 Mertel; his nephew, John Paul Kasko; and his parents, Steven
20 and Irene Mertel; and

1 WHEREAS, Steven Mertel is survived by his wife of 47 years,
2 Betty; his children, Cheryl (Joe) Umland, Amy (Patrick)
3 Finnerty, Steven (Kelly) Mertel, and Michael Mertel; his
4 grandchildren, Alex Wallace, Maggie and Patrick Finnerty, and
5 Grace, Anna, and Ryan Mertel; and his great-grandchildren,
6 Abel, Adrian, and Jenna Wallace; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Steven Michael Mertel, and extend our sincere condolences to
10 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Steven Mertel as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.