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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 Robert "Bob" Reif of Waukegan, who passed away on August 29, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Reif was born on July 5, 1927 and raised in Sheboygan, Wisconsin by Harry and Wilma Reif; he joined the United States Navy on July 2, 1945, just prior to his 17th birthday; he received the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal; he earned his graduate degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago and married Virginia May Mitchell in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on October 29, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Reif ended his naval career when he retired from the Naval Station Great Lakes after 20 years of service as a chief and corpsman; he worked for Louis's Restaurant, the Stone Container Corporation, and Mac Realty; he was also a partner in ownership of a metal fabricating company; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Reif was an avid bowler, ferocious gardener, and serious fisherman; he spent countless hours in his boat with his son, David, trying to catch that "one" fish; his talents in the kitchen yielded amazing pizza; he was the one that family members went to for advice on finances, real

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1 estate, gardening, and numerous other subjects; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert Reif was preceded in death by his daughter,
3 Bobbie Fantus; his sister, Barbara Reif; and his brother, John
4 "Hunts" Reif; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Reif is survived by his wife of over 67
6 years, Virginia "Ginny"; his children, Mitchell Reif; Linda
7 Reif-Melius and her husband, Jim, their daughter, Alison, and
8 their son, Max; David Reif, his wife, Tracy, their son, Jason,
9 his wife, Cierra, and their daughter, Katie; Susan Reif-Eng and
10 her sons, Bryant and Christian; Robert's son-in-law, Jim
11 Fantus, his sons, Michael and his partner, Steven Styrsky,
12 Richard, and Matthew, his wife, Natalie, and son Peter;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Robert "Bob" Reif, and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Robert Reif as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.