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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 Carl Eugene "Gene" Shrader of Morton, who passed away on December 11, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Shrader was born in Shannon City, Iowa to Carl and Cleo Shrader on June 20, 1936; he was the fifth of ten children; he graduated from Rock Island High School in 1954; he served in the United States Army as a cook in a variety of posts around the world, including Greenland; he married Aga Rita Nelson in Morton on September 29, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Shrader began working at a local grocery store at age nine to help support his family; after he married, he returned to the grocery business and gained a reputation for hard work, honesty, and an uncanny business sense; he represented national products such as Green Giant, Gatorade, and Planters; he advanced to an executive leadership role with Calkins and Company, a nationwide food brokerage company; he retired as an owner of the company in 1992; he and his son started Parkway Auto Laundry Car Wash in Bloomington-Normal in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, After his retirement, Gene Shrader became active in the banking industry and was a member of the Morton

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1 Community Bank board, a position from which he recently
2 retired; he also served as a Morton City Councilman and as a
3 deacon at New Castle Bible Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Gene Shrader enjoyed reading, playing golf,
5 softball, and euchre, attending cookouts, and traveling with
6 family and friends; he especially enjoyed his annual fishing
7 trip with friends to remote locations in Canada; he was
8 committed to his faith and was a member of New Castle Bible
9 Church and traveled the world on mission trips; he was known
10 for his wide-ranging generosity; and

11 WHEREAS, Gene Shrader was preceded in death by his parents;
12 five of his brothers; and one of his sisters; and

13 WHEREAS, Gene Shrader is survived by his wife of 54 years,
14 Aga Rita; his children, Kelle (Mark) Ashton, Darin (Melissa)
15 Shrader, and Amanda Shrader; his grandchildren, Caleb (Erica)
16 Ashton, Caysie Ashton, Josiah Ashton, and Haiven Ashton; his
17 sisters, Deloris (William) Fox, Barb (Larry) Osterhagen; his
18 brother, Emmett (Carla) Shrader; his many nieces and nephews;
19 and his many friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Carl Eugene "Gene" Shrader and extend our sincere condolences

1 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Gene Shrader as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.