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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 Kenneth Van Dyne "Ken" Fiske of Woodstock, who passed away on December 20, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Fiske was born in Chicago to Kenneth M. and Eunice (Van Dyne) Fiske on April 18, 1925; he graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy and served with the U.S. Navy during World War II, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade; he graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in agricultural engineering, where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity; he married Darlene Sharp in 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Fiske worked in Chicago as a television producer at NBC, creating the show "Out on the Farm"; he then worked with the National Safety Council and the Velsicol Chemical Company; he was a founder of the Northeast Illinois Natural Resource Center based at the Morton Arboretum; in 1971, he became the first Executive Director of the newly-formed McHenry County Conservation District; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Fiske was named to the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame in 2004 and received the U.S. Merchant Marine Alumni Association's Outstanding Professional Achievement Award in

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1 2006; he was a member of the Wisconsin Agricultural Alumni
2 Association; he and his wife, Darlene, were named the Nature
3 Conservancy's Volunteers of the Year in 1987 and the National
4 Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Refuge Volunteers of the Year in
5 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, Ken Fiske was preceded in death by his parents and
7 his wife, Darlene; and

8 WHEREAS, Ken Fiske is survived by his daughters, Diana
9 (David) Wilson, Jennifer Fiske, and Nancy (Ron) Readel; his
10 grandchildren, Matthew (Kate) Wilson and Timothy (Nina Beck)
11 Wilson; his great-grandchildren, Elliot and Nora Wilson; and
12 his sister, Virginia Boorum; therefore, be it

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

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Ken Fiske as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.