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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 Leigh "Bob" Switzer of Johnsburg, who passed away on December 29, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Switzer was born in Chicago to Russell and D. Roma (Schladorn) Switzer on January 8, 1932; his family moved to McHenry in 1947 and he graduated from McHenry East High School in 1950; he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve in the 1950s and married Carol Arvidson in Crystal Lake on September 15, 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Switzer was well known in the marine industry for manufacturing, promoting, and racing boats for the Switzer Craft Boat Company; his racing successes included three national outboard racing championships and winner of the Albany to New York marathon in 1953; he loved to share stories with friends and families about how he overcame obstacles to win races; after the business was sold in 1982, he continued to manage the property and transformed it into a successful retail space; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Switzer was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and brought wisdom and fun into everyday experiences; he parlayed his love of boating and

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1 racing into his family experiences with frequent trips to Lake
2 Cumberland, Kentucky and regular boating excursions on the
3 Chain of Lakes waterway; he also enjoyed snowmobiling and
4 belonged to a local motorcycle club; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Switzer is survived by his wife of 61 years,
6 Carol; his children, Nancy (Steven) Kasprzyk, Tracy (Cari)
7 Switzer, Steven (Jami) Switzer, and Peter (Cushie) Switzer; 12
8 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his brother, David
9 (Marilyn) Switzer; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Robert Leigh "Bob" Switzer, and extend our sincere condolences
13 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Bob Switzer as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.