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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 Dean Stuart of Edwardsville, who passed away on January 17, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Stuart was born in Granite City to James and Verna Diehle Stuart on April 10, 1939; he graduated from Granite City High School in 1957; he then attended Missouri Valley College where he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity, lettered in basketball and golf, and graduated in 1961; he earned a master's degree in education administration from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; he married Sandra Stephens at the Van Brunt Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri on June 25, 1961; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Stuart had a long and distinguished career with the Edwardsville School District, which he began as a science teacher and coach for Edwardsville Junior High School in 1961; he was then named Assistant Principal of the junior high and went on to be the Principal of Glen Carbon Elementary School; in 1983, he was promoted to Director of Instruction for the district and then named Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Curriculum; in 1991, he was named Superintendent of Schools and remained in that position until he retired in 1996; he considered the passing of the referendum and overseeing the

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1 construction of the new high school to be the highlight of his
2 career; and

3 WHEREAS, Bob Stuart was a member of the First Presbyterian
4 Church of Edwardsville for over 50 years; he was a proud member
5 of DeMolay, the Jaycees, and the Rotary, where he was named a
6 Paul Harris Fellows Scholar; he was appointed and served on the
7 YMCA Board and was commissioner for the Edwardsville Fire and
8 Police Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Stuart is survived by his wife of 57 years,
10 Sandy; his two children, Stacy (Randy) Wimmer and Steve (Katie)
11 Stuart; and his grandchildren, Taylor (Jamie) Lockhart, and
12 Dean and Hannah Stuart; 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 Robert Dean Stuart and extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

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