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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 James P. "Jim" Stanczak of Waukegan, who passed away on April 9, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Stanczak was born in Waukegan to John and Mary (Mitzy) Stanczak on October 13, 1934; he was raised in North Chicago; he earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science at Bradley University, where he also walked on to the baseball team and set the stolen base record; he helped the Bradley Braves play their way into the College World Series, where he led the team in hitting; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Stanczak retired from the United States Navy as a Captain and Vietnam Veteran; he was deemed the "best instrument pilot around" by his peers, which was a tremendous source of honor for him; he was also the former proprietor of Stanczak Lanes in North Chicago, Grand Bowl in Waukegan, and Sluggo's Sweets N Stuff in Zion; he was the former Regional Manager for the DMV and, most recently, the former Manager of Waukegan International Airport, where he revitalized the Northern Illinois Airshow/Wings Over Waukegan; he took pride in honoring veterans and bringing the thrill of aviation to the youth of Lake County; and

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1           WHEREAS, Jim Stanczak was a member of the Waukegan City  
2 Club, the Lake County Board, the IPAA Board of Directors, the  
3 PRCU, the KSKJ, the Polish Legion of American Veterans, the  
4 Glen Flora CC, the Swedish Glee Club, and St. Anastasia Church,  
5 where he was a frequent usher; he was a Third Degree Knight of  
6 Columbus; and

7           WHEREAS, Jim Stanczak received many honors, including the  
8 Lake County Men of Distinction Award and the Waukegan Cares  
9 Lifetime Achievement Award for Politicians in the Military; he  
10 was inducted into several local halls of fame, including the  
11 Bradley University Sports Hall of Fame, the Greater Peoria  
12 Sports Hall of Fame, the Lake County Sports Hall of Fame, and  
13 the upcoming Lake County Men's Bowling Hall of Fame; and

14           WHEREAS, Jim Stanczak was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs  
15 and the Green Bay Packers; and

16           WHEREAS, Jim Stanczak was preceded in death by his parents;  
17 his in-laws, John and Catherine Ferkin; his grandson, Derek  
18 Michael Pederson; his brothers, Lawrence, Leonard, Edward, and  
19 Samuel; and his sisters, Marcella, Geraldine, and Patricia; and

20           WHEREAS, Jim Stanczak is survived by his wife, Mary Kay;  
21 his daughter, Michelle (Mike) Pederson; his son, James J. "JJ"  
22 (Kelly Shields) Stanczak; his grandchildren, Samantha and

1 Sydney Pederson and Madelyn Stanczak; his brother, John; and  
2 his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be  
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4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6 James P. "Jim" Stanczak and extend our sincere condolences to  
7 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Jim Stanczak as an expression of our  
11 deepest sympathy.