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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 William J. "Bill" Travers of Washington, D.C., who passed away on August 4, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Travers was born in Philadelphia to Thomas and Margaret Griffin Travers in 1928; he married Geraldine T. "Gerrie" Lis in 1951; he served in United States Air Force in Korea and Vietnam and achieved the rank of Senior Master Sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Travers retired from the Air Force in 1968 and spent much of his career in the construction industry, where he played crucial roles in the completion of many large government projects; and

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WHEREAS, During his retirement, Bill Travers was known for his service to his fellow senior citizens, both as a driver and as a source of vital information; he married Elaine L. Burnham in 2009, and they enjoyed many happy years together; and

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WHEREAS, In his years at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Bill Travers formed strong friendships and was a beloved presence during mealtimes with his buddies at Table One; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bill Travers was preceded in death by his first
2 wife, Gerrie; his second wife, Elaine; and his brothers, James
3 and Thomas; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Travers is survived by his children, Rev.
5 Patrick J. Travers, William J. (Cherry) Travers Jr., John T.
6 (Carrie) Travers, Thomas J. (Allison) Travers, Lisa M. (John)
7 Heinz, and Lynn T. (Ian) Pritchard; his grandchildren, Tatum
8 and Woody Travers and Micki (Xavier) Stacey; his
9 great-grandchildren, Jack and CJ; and numerous nephews and
10 nieces; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 William J. "Bill" Travers and extend our sincere condolences to
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Bill Travers as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.