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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 Jerome Herman "Jerry" Onan, who passed away on February 14, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Onan was born in Waukegan to Thomas and Ashen Onan on November 13, 1934; he graduated from St. Joseph Grade School in 1948 and then attended Waukegan Township High School, where he excelled in wrestling and football and his studies; he attended Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa on an athletic scholarship for wrestling and football; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Onan graduated from Cornell College in 1957 and entered the U.S. Navy in 1958; he attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned an Ensign; he was sent to the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia and then assigned as Supply Officer USS Forest Royal DD-872; his next assignment was Supply Officer NAS in Lakehurst, New Jersey; he was released from active duty in 1961 with the rank of Lieutenant; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Onan worked in Chicago, New York City, and Florida for the US Testing Company; he resigned to attend the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, where he received a Master of Business Administration; after

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1 graduating, he joined the American Broadcasting Company (ABC)
2 in New York City; he eventually returned home and joined his
3 brothers Jim and John at Onan Garages in Waukegan, where he
4 worked for many years; and

5 WHEREAS, Jerry Onan ran for Mayor of Waukegan in 1989; and

6 WHEREAS, Jerry Onan practiced Yoga and spent many hours in
7 meditation; he enjoyed gardening and became a Master Gardener
8 through the University of Illinois extension in Grayslake; he
9 also enjoyed intellectual conversation about any topic; and

10 WHEREAS, Jerry Onan devotedly cared for his mother during
11 her last days; he and his niece Cindy shared a close
12 relationship and collaborated on writing and publishing a book,
13 the Magic of Self-Discipline; and

14 WHEREAS, Jerry Onan was preceded in death by his brother
15 and sister-in-law, John (Eloise) Onan, and his parents, Thomas
16 and Ashen Onan; and

17 WHEREAS, Jerry Onan is survived by his brothers and
18 sisters-in-law, Thomas (Harriet) and James (Linda) Onan; his
19 nieces and nephews, Cynthia (Thomas) Cramer, Robert (Amy) Onan,
20 Deborah (Dominic) Vivona, Mary (John) Lohmann, James Onan, John
21 Onan, Joseph (Loretta) Onan, Gina Onan, and Thomas Rocko

1 (Jeanne) Onan; his long-time buddy, Art Wancho; and numerous
2 grandnieces and grandnephews, cousins, and friends; therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Jerome Herman "Jerry" Onan and extend our sincere condolences
7 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
8 it further

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