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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" Peterson of Rantoul, who passed away on July 28, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Peterson was born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on June 30, 1949 to William J. and Elizabeth (nee Schofield) Peterson; he married Cheryl Nelson on September 12, 1970; he served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, Following his time in the military, Bill Peterson worked as a civilian at Chanute Air Force Base, repairing the trainers that were used to train active-duty U.S. Air Force personnel; for the last 20 years, he was a boiler room operator; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Peterson was affectionately known as "Billy" or "Pete"; he enjoyed bowling and fishing in his younger years and was always working on his car, washing and waxing it by hand; he had a passion for cooking and making people happy through the food he made; most of all, he loved spending time with his family; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Peterson was preceded in death by his

1 parents, and his sister, Sharon Peterson; and

2 WHEREAS, Bill Peterson is survived by his wife of nearly 45
3 years, Cheryl; his daughter, Christine (Troy) Bergman; his son,
4 Erik (Beth) Peterson and their children, Leslie, Hannah, and
5 Jonah; his sister, Sandra Thornton; his 2 brothers, Mike
6 (Jeannie) Peterson and Pat (Leslie) Peterson; and many nieces
7 and nephews; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 William J. "Bill" Peterson, and extend our sincere condolences
11 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Bill Peterson as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.