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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 Albert Denis McCoy, who passed away on March 26, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Albert McCoy was born on June 25, 1926 in Aurora; his parents were Denis and Katherine McCoy; and

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WHEREAS, Albert McCoy attended St. Mary's Catholic Grade School and graduated from Marmion Academy with the Class of 1944; and

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WHEREAS, Albert McCoy was a combat veteran of World War II, serving as a signalman in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Monterey in the South Pacific; he participated in the Battle of Okinawa, the Japan main island campaigns, and was present with the 3rd Fleet in Tokyo Bay during the surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945; he received 5 Battle Stars for his service during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, After the war, Albert McCoy returned to Aurora and attended Aurora University; he then received a football scholarship to the University of Montana in Missoula, where he also was a member of the baseball team; he remained active in sports his entire life and served as a college football referee

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1 for 21 years; after college, he returned home and served as the  
2 assistant controller of R & M Kaufmann in downtown Aurora,  
3 where he met his wife, Mary Ann; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1965, at the age of 38, Albert McCoy was  
5 elected to serve as Mayor of the City of Aurora; he served  
6 three terms as mayor from 1965 to 1977; during his tenure as  
7 mayor, Aurora annexed 6,800 acres of land which gave rise to  
8 Aurora's current distinction as the second largest city in  
9 Illinois; after leaving the office of mayor, he served as  
10 Chairman of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission from 1977 to  
11 1998; he was also Vice President of the Old Second National  
12 Bank in Aurora for 14 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Albert McCoy was active in numerous local civic  
14 and charitable organizations during his life; he was a member  
15 of Holy Angels Parish for over 50 years and served as a lector  
16 for 28 years; he was a member of the Serra Club of Aurora for 25  
17 years; he was also a recipient of the Marmion Centurion Award  
18 and was the fourth recipient of the Marmion Ad Regnum Dei Award  
19 in recognition of exceptional public witness and service of  
20 Gospel values for the Kingdom of God; and

21 WHEREAS, Albert McCoy is survived by his son, Mike (Vicki)  
22 McCoy; his daughter, Cara (John) Gibbons; his grandchildren,  
23 Joe, Mark, and Kate McCoy and Elizabeth and Sarah Gibbons; and

1 his many nieces and nephews; and

2 WHEREAS, Albert McCoy was preceded in death by his wife,  
3 Mary Ann McCoy; his parents; his brother, Gerald (Betty) McCoy;  
4 and his sister, Alice (Clyde) Hess; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
7 family and friends, mourn the passing of Albert Denis McCoy;  
8 and be it further

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