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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 Eugene J. "Gene" Desaunoy of Milan, who passed away on November 24, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Desaunoy was born in Rock Island to John and Elizabeth Coene Desaunoy on April 30, 1927; he served in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Desaunoy worked as a sales representative for John Hancock Insurance for 24 years, retiring in 1988; he had previously worked at Fuller Brush Company; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Desaunoy was a parishioner of St. Ambrose Church in Milan, for over 80 years, where he served as a extraordinary minister of the Eucharist since 1978, lector for over 24 years, member of the parish council and choir, and brought communion to hospital patients and shut-ins; his other memberships include St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus Council 12576, Legion of Mary at St. Ambrose, Pope John XXIII Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans, and the Milan American Legion Post 569; he received the Pere Marquette Award from the Diocese of Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Eugene Desaunoy enjoyed growing gladiolus,

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2 attending family events with his nieces and nephews; and

3 WHEREAS, Eugene Desaunoy was preceded in death by his  
4 parents, and his sisters, Margaret Peebler and Barbara Cover;  
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6 WHEREAS, Eugene Desaunoy is survived by his sister, Mary  
7 (Ken) Galusha, and several nieces 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 Eugene J. "Gene" Desaunoy, 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 Eugene Desaunoy as an expression of  
15 our deepest sympathy.