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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 Rolyn W. "Ron" Olson of Rock Island, who passed away on January 31, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Rolyn Olson was born in Monmouth to Samuel and Hattie Harris Olson on June 24, 1928; he grew up on a farm between Joy and New Boston and attended Joy High School, graduating in 1946; as a young man, he worked on his parents' and grandparents' farms; during the Korean War, he served with the United States Navy Seabees, constructing the Subic Bay Naval Base in the South Pacific Theater; he married Mary Gustafson on April 10, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Rolyn Olson worked as a millwright and welder on construction jobs all over the Midwest; and

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WHEREAS, After retiring in 1990, Rolyn Olson enjoyed restoring and showing antique tractors and won numerous trophies; he spent many hours working in his shop at home; he was very proud of his Swedish heritage and enjoyed studying the family genealogy; he was a member of the International Harvester Collectors Club, the Midwest Old Threshers, and the Edwards River Antique Engine Club; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rolyn Olson was a member of the Seabee Reserves,
2 the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, the American Legion, the
3 Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Rifle Association, and
4 the Vikings; he was a 60-plus-year member of Millwright Local
5 Union No. 2158; he served his union as Board Member, Treasurer,
6 Negotiator, and Apprentice Instructor; in 1964, he was on the
7 committee negotiating the first insurance and pension benefits
8 for Local 2158; he was also Treasurer of the Millwright
9 Retirees Club; and

10 WHEREAS, Rolyn Olson is survived by his wife of 67 years,
11 Mary; his son, David (Heidi) Olson; his daughter, Margaret
12 Rosanne Moreland; five grandchildren; and three
13 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Rolyn W. "Ron" Olson, and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Rolyn Olson as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.