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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 James D. Prather of Rock Island, who passed away on May 27, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, James Prather was born in Centerville, Iowa to James D. and Virginia Mae Prather on September 8, 1942; he was a Boy Scout and earned the rank of Eagle Scout; he set pins at Bowladrome Lanes in Rock Island; he graduated from Rock Island High School in 1960 and served in United States Navy on the Valley Forge during the Vietnam War; he married Cheryl "Sherry" Adams on April 28, 1973 and they were the proud parents of two adopted daughters from South Korea; and

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WHEREAS, James Prather worked for 35 years with IBM; he was the owner of an electronic store, Audio Phonics, in Rock Island; he also worked for the United States Department of Defense as a contract specialist and spent a year as a civilian contracting officer for the Department of Defense in Iraq; and

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WHEREAS, James Prather was involved in Rotary International and was an active member of the Quad-Cities Illinois Rotary Club; he was the District 6420 Governor from 2008 to 2009; and

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1 WHEREAS, James Prather was a member of Two Rivers Church;
2 he became a Certified Lay Minister and was appointed director
3 of Senior Adult Ministries for the Church; he became a
4 Befriender at UnityPoint Health - Trinity in Rock Island, where
5 he participated in their parish nurse programs and graduated
6 from the chaplain program on April 10, 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, James Prather was preceded in death by his parents
8 and his brother, Donald; and

9 WHEREAS, James Prather is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his
10 children, Christa (Brian) Lutz and Jara (Richard) Chen; his
11 sister, Barbara Prather; his grandchildren, Makenzie and
12 Brileigh Lutz; his brother-in-law, David (Renee) Adams; his
13 nieces, Tara Adams and Debbie (Chad) Paulsen; his nephews, Troy
14 Adams and Joseph Cox; his great-niece, Taylor Ward; and many
15 cousins; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 James D. Prather, and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of James Prather as an expression of

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1 our deepest sympathy.