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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 Jim Edward Gager of Moline, who passed away on November 24, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Gager was born in Moline to Edgar Clarence and Mary Viola Swim Gager on May 2, 1940; he graduated from United Township High School in 1958; he married Helen M. Pearson at Bethany Baptist Church in Moline on September 5, 1964; he received his bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in 1967, his master's degree in 1978, and his Education Specialist Degree from Western Illinois University in 1981; he served active duty in the United States Navy Reserves as a GMG 2 on the USS Floyd B. Parks (DD884) in Vietnam in 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Gager started his career teaching science at Wilson Junior High in 1969; he transferred to Moline High School in 1973 and taught Biology I and II and chemistry until he retired in 1999; he also taught in the Community Outreach Retention and Engagement program at Moline High School; he coached girls' basketball, boys' tennis, and videotaped varsity football and basketball games; he received the Dispatch-Argus Master Teacher Award in 1999; he was known as a creative, enthusiastic, motivational, and inspirational

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1 teacher; and

2 WHEREAS, After his retirement, Jim Gager worked part time  
3 as a travel agent and specialized in Hawaiian vacations; he was  
4 also the volunteer coordinator for the Quad City Symphony  
5 Orchestra and a Second Fiddle Sale Director; and

6 WHEREAS, Jim Gager served as a youth sponsor, Bible  
7 teacher, vice chairman, deacon, trustee, and choir member at  
8 Bethany Baptist; he and Helen enjoyed traveling to Hawaii,  
9 often with friends or family; he also enjoyed woodworking; and

10 WHEREAS, Jim Gager was preceded in death by his parents;  
11 his sister, Janet Gloria; his brother, Larry Gager; and his  
12 nieces, Linda Reeder and Kathy Atkinson; and

13 WHEREAS, Jim Gager is survived by his wife, Helen; his  
14 sister-in-law, Virginia Gager; his brother-in-law, Arnulfo  
15 Gloria; his nieces, Vicki (James) Bongovanni and Michelle  
16 Gager; his nephews, Daniel (Mony) Johnson and Michael Gager;  
17 and his many great-nieces and nephews; he will also be missed  
18 by Frank and Virginia Ryner, their three daughters, Judy (Jeff)  
19 Donohue, Caryn (Bryant) Swanson, and Sandy (Kevin) Jones, and  
20 their children; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Jim Edward Gager and extend our sincere condolences to his  
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Jim Gager as an expression of our  
7 deepest sympathy.