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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 Gerald Brown of Moline, who passed away on December 29, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Brown was born in Champaign to Estel and Dorcas (Davis) Brown on November 13, 1950 and he lived in Gibson City with his family until 1966 when they moved to Moline; he graduated from Moline High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1969 until 1970; he earned an associate's degree on the G.I. Bill from Black Hawk College and married Lori Bowling on September 19, 1992; and

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WHEREAS, As a young boy, Gerald Brown started working for farmers in Gibson City; he retired from Case-IH in East Moline in 2003, where he was a production welder; he then worked for John Deere Planter Works as a welder until 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Brown was a skilled fisherman and hunter and a talented singer and guitar player; he performed in numerous groups through a 40-year span and composed and performed "East Moline Blues", a viral YouTube video; he had many friends and could usually be found at the Hard Times Bar in Moline during the afternoon; he was a member of American Legion Post 246; and

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1 WHEREAS, Gerald Brown was preceded in death by his wife,
2 Lori; his parents; his brother, Dick; and his sisters, Jacqui
3 and Cindy; and

4 WHEREAS, Gerald Brown is survived by his son, Mark
5 (Tiffany) Willard; his daughter, Tara Willard; his brother,
6 Randy (Debbie) Brown; his sister, Debbie (Mark) Rodgers; his
7 sister-in-law, Barb Brown; his granddaughters, Madison and Mya
8 Willard; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Gerald Brown, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
13 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Gerald Brown as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.