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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 William J. Skaggs of Moline, who passed away on January 10, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Skaggs was born in Davenport, Iowa on March 15, 1934; he was adopted by Mabel and Earl Skaggs; his mother later married Leroy "Red" Thiessin; he graduated from United Township High School, where he played sports; then enlisted in the United States Army during the Korean War; he was stationed in Japan as a radar technician for three years; after he returned from Japan, he married Audrey Funderburgh; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Skaggs worked at the former Illinois Bell Telephone Company as an installer and repairman; he retired after 39 years; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Skaggs was a member of the Telephone Pioneers, where he held office and was active in all volunteer activities; he was especially proud of repairing "talking books" for the blind for the National Library Service; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Skaggs enjoyed bowling, most often on the same team as his son, Jim; he coached his daughter in softball and his sons in baseball and basketball; he rarely missed a

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1 game, and he and his wife enjoyed traveling to out-of-town  
2 games; and

3 WHEREAS, Bill Skaggs is survived by his wife, Audrey; his  
4 children, Jim (Mindy) Skaggs, Sheila Gay-Skaggs, Paul (Robin)  
5 Skaggs, and Steve Skaggs; his 12 grandchildren; and his nine  
6 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 William J. Skaggs and extend our sincere condolences to his  
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Bill Skaggs as an expression of our  
14 deepest sympathy.