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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 Eddie B. "Ed" Stafford of Jacksonville, who passed away on March 19, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Stafford was born in Jacksonville to Ralph and Irene Berry Stafford on December 20, 1930; he graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1949 and married Kathy Baker on December 31, 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Stafford's career began at Prairie Farms Dairy, where he quickly moved up to route supervisor, then to manager by the age of 24, and later to sales supervisor for all of Western Illinois, Northeast Missouri, and Southeast Iowa; he made his home in Quincy and spent 15 years in the dairy business; he made a career change in 1968 and began working at Bound to Stay Bound Books; he had a brief stint as national sales manager for the American Companies of Kansas and then traveled for Bound to Stay Bound as a west central division manager for the next 30 years, covering a territory of 12 Midwestern states; after retirement from Bound to Stay Bound, he started a small business, Sta-Bilt Enterprises, which grew over the next 10 years in the Jacksonville area; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Stafford was very proud of his family; he

1 enjoyed traveling and meeting people, sharing experiences,
2 family history, and dog stories; he was a man of strong
3 convictions; he was generous, kind, and willing to help others;
4 he was a positive role model; and

5 WHEREAS, Ed Stafford was preceded in death by his daughter,
6 Lu Ann Stafford; his parents; his sister, Wilma Jean Stafford;
7 and his brother, Wilbur Stafford; and

8 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Ed Stafford was survived
9 by his wife, Kathy, who has since passed; he is survived by his
10 children, Beverly Bea (Steven Kent) Pahlmann, Roxanna Rae (Rod)
11 Hollenstine, Edward Andrew (Demetria) Stafford, and Lance
12 Matthew (Heather) Stafford; his sister, Nancy (Tom) Cooney; his
13 brother, Don (Denise) Stafford; three granddaughters; one
14 grandson; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews;
15 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 Eddie B. "Ed" Stafford, and extend our sincere condolences to
19 his 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 Ed Stafford as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.