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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 Leslie D. "Les" Wilson of South Jacksonville, who passed away on November 2, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Les Wilson was born in Kansas City, Missouri to John Leslie and Blanche Ruth Pyle Wilson on April 11, 1928; as a child, he lived in Denver, Cheyenne, and Phoenix before settling in the Los Angeles area; he graduated from Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra, California in 1948, where he played football and was a member of the track team; he married Lois Yingst on September 17, 1950; he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1950 and would be deployed, first to Japan and then to Korea, where he would serve as a truck driver; he was discharged in August of 1952, and he and Lois settled in Anaheim; and

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WHEREAS, Les Wilson was a business owner in the paint and wallpaper industry with Lois joining him in an administrative role; he sold his business in 1975 and went to work for Midwest Fasteners in Orange, California; and

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WHEREAS, Les Wilson and Lois retired to Silver City, New Mexico in 1988; they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Europe; while living in Silver City, Les was an active member of American Legion Post 17 and the Honor Guard;

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1 Les and Lois enjoyed square dancing with the Rainbow Squares
2 when living in Orange and square danced for years with the
3 White Signal 49er's of Grant County, New Mexico; they were
4 active members of the Grant County Republican Party; Les and
5 Lois moved to South Jacksonville in 2014; in October of 2015,
6 Les visited the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C. as part
7 of a trip with the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight; and

8 WHEREAS, Les Wilson was preceded in death by his wife,
9 Lois; and

10 WHEREAS, Les Wilson is survived by his children, Steve
11 Wilson and DeeAnn (Tom) Roome; his grandchildren, Alicia,
12 Stacie, Daniel, Christine, Chris, and John; his
13 great-grandchildren; his very special, look-alike, double
14 cousin, Joann Pyle Sherman; 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 Leslie D. "Les" Wilson and extend our sincere condolences to
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
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21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Les Wilson as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.