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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 Ralph A. Nagel of Geneva, who passed away on December 12, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Nagel was born in St. Charles to William and Mabel (Timm) Nagel on April 22, 1922; his character was forged during the Great Depression, when he had to take on multiple jobs to help support his family; despite the workload, he earned top grades, played multiple sports, including halfback for the lightweight team, and landed the lead role in his school plays at St. Charles High School; he graduated in 1940 and then married Mary Ann Shewalter; during World War II, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was stationed in San Diego, California, where he served as an electrician's mate; and

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WHEREAS, After his service in the Navy, he made a living delivering milk for Oberweis Dairy and occasionally built houses, many of which are still standing; in the early 1950s, after an apprenticeship in Aurora, he started his own typewriter repair business in the garage of his home; in 1959, he moved his family to the east side of Geneva and opened Valley Typewriter Company; for more than 40 years, he fixed and sold typewriters, adding machines, copy machines, and

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1 calculators from the basement of his home; his service area
2 reached to Chicago, Elgin, Aurora and all areas in between; and

3 WHEREAS, Ralph Nagel loved his family and the outdoors; he
4 enjoyed fishing and swimming and playing golf with his sons; he
5 and Mary Ann bought property and a cottage on Brandy Lake in
6 Woodruff, Wisconsin; he was kind, sentimental, and beloved by
7 animals, children, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and
8 caregivers; and

9 WHEREAS, Ralph Nagel was preceded in death by his wife,
10 Mary Ann; and

11 WHEREAS, Ralph Nagel is survived by his daughter, Tinya
12 (Bob) Craig; his sons, Jon and Rick (Paula) Nagel; his
13 sister-in-law, Diana Shewalter; his grandchildren, Andrew
14 Craig, Jamie (Rob) Fitzpatrick, and Kathryn and Tricia Nagel;
15 his five great-grandchildren; and his many nieces and nephews;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Ralph A. Nagel and extend our sincere condolences to his
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Ralph Nagel as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.