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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 John "Jack" Lyle, who passed away on January 5, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Lyle graduated from Englewood High School and was inspired by his mother, the singer Ernestine Lyle, who enrolled him in piano and violin lessons; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Lyle was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, the nation's first black fighter squadron, who were among the most skilled pilots during World War II; he named his plane "Natalie" in honor of his first wife and was credited with shooting down a German Messerschmitt; in 2007, President George W. Bush and Congress bestowed the Congressional Gold Medal on him and the other Tuskegee Airmen; and

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WHEREAS, After the war, Jack Lyle worked as a Chicago police officer with the park district and operated a tree trimming company; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Lyle enjoyed sailing on Lake Michigan; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Lyle is survived by his wife of 37 years, Eunice, and his stepchildren, Cynthia Kinsey, Kathy Holliday,

1 and John Jackson; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 John "Jack" Lyle and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Jack Lyle as an expression of our
9 deepest sympathy.