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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 George W. Makela of Waukegan, who passed away on July 15, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, George Makela was born in Waukegan to Oiva and Edna Makela on August 26, 1922; he was a true Bulldog and graduated from Waukegan High School in 1942; after graduation, he joined the United States Marines, where he became a Sergeant, and served during World War II; years later, he was honored to join fellow World War II veterans on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.; and

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WHEREAS, Following the war, George Makela worked at the family store, Makela's Grocery, with his father; he also refereed basketball in Lake County for 15 years;; he later retired from Copley Newspaper as a classified ad manager; and

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WHEREAS, During retirement, George Makela enjoyed playing golf and meeting his friends at The Sunset House and The Avalon for morning coffee; he and Jean also spent many winters in Ahwatukee, Arizona, where they spent time with their son and his family; he took great pride in his son's accomplishments; and

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1           WHEREAS, George Makela was preceded in death by his parents  
2           and his brother-in-law, Len Huber; and

3           WHEREAS, George Makela is survived by his wife of 72 years,  
4           Betty Jean; his son, Rob (Kathy) Makela; his grandchildren,  
5           Scott (Kelly) Makela, Ted Makela, and Kiirsti (Dan) Kamrath;  
6           his great-granddaughters, Kaari and Kamy Makela; his  
7           great-grandson, RJ Kamrath; his friends, Clyde and Helen  
8           Fawcett, Peggy (T-T) Fawcett, the entire Fawcett family, and  
9           the Louis Ross family; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
11           ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12           George W. Makela and extend our sincere condolences to his  
13           family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
14           further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16           presented to the family of George Makela as an expression of  
17           our deepest sympathy.