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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply
3 saddened to learn of the death of Ted C. Peterson of O'Fallon,
4 who passed away on September 15, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Ted Peterson was born on December 11, 1946, in
6 Inglewood, California, to Thyrell Austin and Ruth Frances
7 Peterson; he was married to Sue Ann Peterson (Smith) for 45
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Ted Peterson was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force
10 Special Forces; his distinguished military service included
11 being an expert marksman on the AF Command Rifle Team and
12 leading numerous covert operations in Libya and Vietnam; and

13 WHEREAS, Ted Peterson had a long and respected 33-year
14 career as division sales manager with RJ Reynolds; he mentored
15 many young colleagues and was able to bring out the best in his
16 employees; he retired in 2002; and

17 WHEREAS, Ted Peterson traveled extensively during his
18 retirement with his wife; he was a gifted woodworker; he had a
19 love and appreciation for history and geography, and most
20 enjoyed the high deserts of the western United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Ted Peterson was preceded in death by his parents,
2 Thyrill Austin and Ruth Frances (Richards) Peterson and his
3 brothers, Gary and Bruce Peterson; and

4 WHEREAS, Ted Peterson is survived by his wife, Sue Ann; his
5 sons, Ted (Anne) Peterson Jr. and Dennis Peterson; his brother,
6 Don (Kathy) Peterson; his sister, Kathy Gatrel; his
7 grandchildren, Julius, Quinn, Regan, Marin, and Hayden; his
8 brother-in-law, Retired USN Capt. John C. (Carol) Smith; his
9 sister-in-law, Mary Jo (Dr. Philip) Kahlert; and his nieces and
10 nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Ted Peterson, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Ted Peterson as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.