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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 Russell J. Kipkowski of Spring Grove, who passed away on July 26, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Kipkowski was born in Chicago on August 15, 1938 to Roman and Ladislava "Lottie" (nee Shronkowski) Kipkowski; he lived with his family in the Norwood Park neighborhood and attended the William J. Onahan Elementary School and Taft High School; he served in the United States Navy and married Barbara Joanne Borucki on November 23, 1959 at St. Thecla Catholic Church in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Kipkowski proudly served in the United States Coast Guard for 20 years; he and his wife's travels took them from Juneau, Alaska to the South Pole, from San Francisco to Hawaii, and from Vietnam to Marathon, Florida; although he sailed on many ships throughout his career, it was the USS Rockaway and her crew that earned a special place in his heart; he was decorated with numerous honors and awards, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart; he retired as a Chief Warrant Officer in Seattle, Washington; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Kipkowski pursued his passion of a career in Law Enforcement as a Deputy Sheriff for 19 years in the King

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1 County Sheriff's Department in Washington State; after  
2 residing in Venice, Florida for a short period of time, he and  
3 Barbara moved to Spring Grove to be closer to family; he  
4 achieved his lifelong dream by serving as a Marine Patrol  
5 Officer on the Chain O' Lakes for the McHenry County Sheriff's  
6 Office; and

7 WHEREAS, Russell Kipkowski was a member of the McHenry  
8 Masonic Lodge, the Tebala Shriners, and the Medina Shriners  
9 organizations; he actively participated in parades around the  
10 area as a "Genie" on his magic carpet; and

11 WHEREAS, Russell Kipkowski was preceded in death by his  
12 parents, Roman and "Lottie" Kipkowski; his brother-in-law,  
13 Hank Seligmann; and his nephew, Kenneth Seligmann; and

14 WHEREAS, Russell Kipkowski is survived by his wife of 54  
15 years, Barbara; his children, Natalie (Robert) Duma and John  
16 Kipkowski; his granddaughters, Sheridan and Bergen; his  
17 sister, Hermina "Mickey" (Hank) Sasse; his sister-in-law,  
18 Darlene (the late Hank) Seligmann; his brothers-in-law, Gerald  
19 Borucki and George (MaryAnn) Borucki; his many nieces and  
20 nephews; and his beloved Jack Russell rescue dog, Snickers;  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Russell J. Kipkowski, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Russell Kipkowski as an expression  
7 of our deepest sympathy.