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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 Leonard "Lennie" Joseph Piekarski of Mundelein, who passed away on August 3, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Lennie Piekarski was born in Milwaukee on June 29, 1926 and lovingly welcomed into the family of Ben and Elizabeth Piekarski through adoption; he joined the United States Navy at the age of 18 and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Lennie Piekarski worked as a letter carrier with the United States Postal Service for 40 years; and

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WHEREAS, Lennie Piekarski began his drum corps career with the Gladstone Junior Corps and continued as a member of the championship Skokie Indians; he then moved on to being the marching and maneuvering instructor of the world championship Chicago Cavaliers and to judging drum corps competitions; he was past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars post #8741 and American Legion post #820, and at the time of his passing he was a member of the Mundelein American Legion Post #867; he was active in coaching his children's baseball, basketball, softball, and football teams; he was a member of Santa Maria del Popolo Parish, the Knights of Columbus, and served as a

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1 minister of communion; he enjoyed to fishing, golfing, bicycle
2 riding, and cross country skiing; and

3 WHEREAS, Lennie Piekarski was preceded in death by his
4 parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth Piekarski; and

5 WHEREAS, Lennie Piekarski is survived by his wife of 61
6 years, Joan Piekarski (nee Conrad); their 5 children, Terry
7 (Roger) Krikke, Joe (Helen) Piekarski, Sandy (Brent) Simpson,
8 Carl (Mary) Piekarski, and Patti (David) Hehr; 8 grandchildren,
9 Michelle (John) Dohrwardt, Becky (Chris) Kemper, Elizabeth
10 Krikke, Mark (Rebekah) Krikke, Jim Piekarski, Sarah Krikke,
11 Ashley Piekarski, and Austin Piekarski; and 4
12 great-grandchildren, Isabell Kemper, John Henry Dohrwardt,
13 Ashton Kemper, and James Dohrwardt; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Leonard "Lennie" Joseph Piekarski, and extend our sincere
17 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
18 him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Leonard Piekarski as an expression
21 of our deepest sympathy.