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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 James Paul "Jim" Szczepaniak, who passed away on November 9, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, James Szczepaniak was born on December 1, 1935 in Joliet; his parents were Stanley and Rose (nee Petan) Szczepaniak; he was a lifetime resident of Joliet; and

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WHEREAS, James Szczepaniak graduated from St. Joseph Catholic Grade School, Joliet Township High School District 204 (Class of 1953), and Joliet Junior College; he subsequently received a bachelor's degree from Lewis University and a master's degree from Northern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, James Szczepaniak served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

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WHEREAS, James Szczepaniak retired after 33 years of dedicated service as a social studies teacher at Lockport Township High School District 205 and Valley View School District 365 U (Romeoville High School); and

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WHEREAS, James Szczepaniak took great pride in his civic involvement; he proudly served on the Joliet Public Library

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1 Board of Trustees for more than 30 years, most recently as
2 President of the Board; he was also an active member of St.
3 Joseph Catholic Church in Joliet, the Holy Name Society of St.
4 Joseph Catholic Church, the St. Joseph Catholic Church Seniors,
5 Oakwood Estates Homeowners Association, and the Illinois
6 Retired Teacher's Association; and

7 WHEREAS, James Szczepaniak enjoyed stamp and coin
8 collecting; he also greatly enjoyed taking pictures and sending
9 them to his many relatives, friends, and acquaintances; and

10 WHEREAS, James Szczepaniak was preceded in death by his
11 first wife, Mary Clare (nee Gordon), and his parents; and

12 WHEREAS, James Szczepaniak was the beloved husband of 5
13 years to Frances H. Naal (nee Tures); the loving brother of
14 Lois M. Geary; the brother-in-law of James (Joann) Gordon; the
15 dear uncle of Kim Ann (Wayne) Meirhofer and Steven P. (Shirley
16 Boatman) Geary; he is also survived by his step-children, Meg
17 (Dale) Underwood, Jr., John (Micki) Naal, and Colette Naal and
18 many dear nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, beloved
19 students, and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
22 family and friends, mourn the passing of James Paul "Jim"

1 Sczepaniak; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of James Sczepaniak as an expression of
4 our sympathy.