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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 Robert Frei of Kirkwood, Missouri, who passed away on January 20, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Frei was born on May 22, 1925; he was drafted into the United States Army and served in the art and medical departments; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Frei successfully led one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious stained glass firms, Emil Frei and Associates, for almost 30 years; his works have graced more than 300 churches and institutions across the nation and have been recognized by countless experts as a vital step forward in the craft; in the St. Louis region, his work can be seen at places such as the New Cathedral Basilica, Resurrection Catholic Church, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Chapel, and the St. Louis Priory; his impact on the trade reverberated down the generations and he was instrumental in developing a method for faceted stained glass production that is still used industry-wide today; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Frei enjoyed traveling the nation's parks in a camper with his wife and family; his many accomplishments included qualifying for the Olympics as a bicyclist; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robert Frei is survived by his wife of 63 years,
2 Frances Eckert Frei; his 4 sons, Stephen, Mark, Christopher,
3 and David; his 10 grandchildren; and his 7 great-grandchildren;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Robert Frei, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
8 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Robert Frei as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.