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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 George Francis Gebhardt of Alton, who passed away on May 30, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, George Gebhardt was born in Balta, North Dakota to Francis "Frank" and Caroline (Zacher) Gebhardt on August 23, 1921; he married Mary Margaret Tuohy in California on December 28, 1943; and

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WHEREAS, George Gebhardt retired from the United States Air Force after 24 years of service, where he trained over 400 fighter pilots and flew 22 different planes; after his service, he taught at George Washington University and was the administrator for the master's degree program for the military; and

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WHEREAS, George Gebhardt was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton and a former member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Mission, Texas; he was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus; and

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WHEREAS, George Gebhardt was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Margaret; his parents; his daughter, Sheila Marie Breault; his sisters, Lillian Bosch and Iris Bailey; and his brother,

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1 Allen Gebhardt; and

2 WHEREAS, George Gebhardt is survived by his son and
3 daughter-in-law, John and Sandra Lee Gebhardt; his daughter and
4 son-in-law, Carolyn and Steven DeVilliers; his grandchildren,
5 Matthew (Marissa) Griffin, Mary DeVilliers, James DeVilliers,
6 and Danielle DeVilliers, Caroline (Barrett) Wood, Christopher
7 George Gebhardt, Sean Gebhardt, Lea Peyton Gebhardt, Kim
8 (Jacques) Fuhmann, and Rev. Gordon "Keith" (Joanna) Breault;
9 and 27 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

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

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of George Gebhardt as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.