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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 Gary L. DeCraene of Bettendorf, Iowa, formerly of Moline, who passed away on December 18, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Gary DeCraene was born in Moline to Cyriel "Cy" and Selena Elizabeth "Liz" (VanOpdorp) DeCraene on September 22, 1938; he served in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Essex CVA-9; he married Betty Ritter at Sacred Heart Church in Moline on June 6, 1961; and

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WHEREAS, In his early years, Gary DeCraene worked at the store owned and operated by his parents, Black Hawk Hardware; and

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WHEREAS, Gary DeCraene had an affinity for antique cars, especially his 1936 Dodge Truck; he enjoyed taking care of his yard at home; and

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WHEREAS, Gary DeCraene is survived by his wife, Betty; his son, Rick (Cheryl) DeCraene; his daughter, Pam French; his grandchildren, Rachel, Dana, Spencer, Luke, and Mya; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Gary L. DeCraene, and extend our sincere condolences to his
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
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5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Gary DeCraene as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.