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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 the Rev. Clark D. Luce of Moline, who passed away on February 20, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Luce was born in Elyria, Ohio to Clark C. and Virginia Blood Luce on July 14, 1927; he served in the United States Army during World War II and in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict; he married Myra Roesler in Waseca, Minnesota on November 27, 1954; they celebrated 61 years and 127 days of marriage prior to her death on April 3, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Luce graduated from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts in religion and in 1972 with a Master of Divinity; he served as pastor of First Baptist Churches of Lexington, Nokomis, East Moline, Park Forest, and Kankakee; he retired in 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Rev. Luce enjoyed traveling with his wife and spending time with his family; his leisurely interests included reading, swimming, traveling, following the Cubs and the Bears, and attending weekly veterans meetings; he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; he was a fun person with a wonderful sense of humor, receiving

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1 satisfaction from making others laugh; he saw each new
2 challenge as an adventure; all who knew him will dearly miss
3 him; and

4 WHEREAS, Rev. Luce was preceded in death by his parents;
5 his stepmother, Jane Luce; his wife; his brothers, Blaine and
6 Robert Luce; and his son-in-law, Blair Smith; and

7 WHEREAS, Rev. Luce is survived by his daughters, Becky
8 Kelley, Melanie (Troy) Frericks, and Rhonda Smith; his son,
9 Kevin Luce; his grandchildren, Matthew, Ashley, Amanda, Molly,
10 Jacob, Nicole, and Erica; a great-grandson, Cohwen; his
11 siblings, Joan (John) Hormel, John (Mindy) Luce, Claudia
12 (Arden) Sims, and Susan Bossley (William Rady); and his special
13 kitty, Sammy; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 the Rev. Clark D. Luce, and extend our sincere condolences to
17 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

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