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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 Joe Rittenhouse of Bement, who passed away on April 2, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Rittenhouse was born in Decatur to Joe H. and Phyllis Metcalf Rittenhouse on December 20, 1940; he married Ronda Morris in Ivesdale on July 7, 1962; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Rittenhouse was one of the youngest township highway commissioners in Illinois; he was elected in 1962 and served until 2017, when he was re-elected again two days after his passing; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Rittenhouse was very active with Central State's Threshermen's Association; he was a board member for over 41 years; he served as Vice-President from 1984-1998, and then again in 2001; he had been President of the Board for the last 12 years; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Rittenhouse was a member of the Bement United Methodist Church; he was a 47-year member of the Bement Masonic Lodge #365 AF and AM and was a charter member of the Piatt County Historical Society; he served as Piatt County Republican Precinct Committeeman and served on the Bement Fire Protection

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1 District for 58 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Joe Rittenhouse was preceded in death by his  
3 parents and his wife Ronda; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe Rittenhouse is survived by his children,  
5 Melissa (Mark) Yoder and Morris Rittenhouse; his  
6 grandchildren, Tyler (Jacqueline) Yoder, Kyle (Cindy) Yoder  
7 and Tyce Rittenhouse; his great-grandson, Maxwell Yoder; his  
8 siblings, Stephen Rittenhouse and Carolyn (Melvin) Rittenhouse  
9 Jacobs; and his brother-in-law, Dave (Linda) Morris;  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Joe Rittenhouse, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Joe Rittenhouse as an expression of  
18 our deepest sympathy.