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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 Donald James Ruemelin of Richmond, who passed away on June 12, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Ruemelin was born in Chicago to Arthur C. and Eleanor (Klett) Ruemelin on July 10, 1927; he attended St. Julianna and St. George high schools; he graduated in 1945 and served his country in the United States Army from 1945 to 1947 in the 533rd Tank Division; he earned the Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal Germany; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Ruemelin moved to Richmond in 1972 and established Hilltop Farm; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Ruemelin was a lifetime member of VFW Post 4600, serving as commander for four years; he was also a member of the American Legion, The Men of Brass, and The Red Devils Drum and Bugle Corp; he was either marching in a parade or was driving the Fireball 8 plus 1; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Ruemelin enjoyed his horses and delivering black dirt and gravel; even on the hottest days of summer, he was driving his tractor and bailing hay; and

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1 WHEREAS, Donald Ruemelin was preceded in death by his
2 parents; an infant brother, Arthur; his sisters, Doris (Wetzel)
3 and MaryJean (Hauck); and his sons, Robert S. and Micheal G.
4 Ruemelin; and

5 WHEREAS, Donald Ruemelin is survived by his wife of almost
6 60 years, Patricia (Stoller); his daughters, Kathy Ruemelin and
7 Susan (Greg) Houston; his daughter-in-law, Lynn Ruemelin; his
8 grandchildren, Michael (Jodi) Ruemelin, Gina (Joe) Frano,
9 James (Jenn) Houston, Jesse Houston, Cody Ruemelin, Ethan
10 Houston, and Katie (Larry Kranz) Houston; and his
11 great-grandchildren, Mikey Ruemelin, Joey and Ben Frano,
12 Connor and Maddie Houston, and Levi, Ivan, and Zeke Kranz;
13 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 Donald James Ruemelin, 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 Donald Ruemelin as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.