1               SENATE RESOLUTION

2       WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to

3   learn of the death of Lester Boe of Ottawa, who passed away on

4   September 5, 2017; and

5       WHEREAS, Lester Boe was born in Wallace Township to Hans

6   and Tillie (Dale) Boe on July 27, 1916; he attended the

7   one-room school house of Wallace Township through eighth grade;

8   he joined the United States Army and served as a mechanic in

9   Europe during World War II from 1941-1945; he participated in

10  the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Naples, and Normandy; he

11  married Esther Johnson at Hauge Lutheran Church in Chicago on

12  November 17, 1945; and

13      WHEREAS, Lester Boe farmed in Wallace and Rutland Townships

14  and worked for Caterpillar in Aurora until his retirement; he

15  then drove a school bus for the Serena Community Unit School

16  District #2 for a number of years; and

17      WHEREAS, Lester Boe loved farm life, threshing, and

18  attending the Sandwich Fair and antique and farm toy shows; he

19  created many models of antique farm equipment; he also enjoyed

20  camping, fishing, spending time with his family, and going to

21  McDonald's for daily coffee breaks; he faithfully attended

22  church; and

1       WHEREAS, Lester Boe was preceded in death by his parents;

2    his wife, Esther; his brothers, Howard, Tyler, Clarence, and

3    Henry Boe; his sisters, Myrtle Alsvig, Alma Osthus, and Marie

4    Low; and four siblings in infancy; and

5       WHEREAS, Lester Boe is survived by his children, Eugene

6    (Gudrun) Boe, Ruth (Larry) Stanford, Russell (Nancy) Boe, and

7    Judy (Kevin) Snook; his nine grandchildren; and his 22

8    great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

9       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

10   ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

11   Lester Boe, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,

12   friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

13      RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

14   presented to the family of Lester Boe as an expression of our

15   deepest sympathy.