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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 Elmer W. Johnson of Orion, who passed away on June 7, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Elmer Johnson was born in Geneseo to Knute and Oliva Karlson Johnson on August 14, 1922; he served in the U.S. Marine Corp for four years and was stationed in the Pacific theater at Peleliu and Okinawa; he received two Purple Hearts during World War II; he married Mary Frances Cook at Beulah Presbyterian Church in Orion on November 30, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Elmer Johnson worked as an assembler, repairer, and painter at I.H. Farmall Works for 38 years; and

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WHEREAS, Elmer Johnson was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Orion; he was on the St. Paul Lutheran Property Committee Cemetery Board for six years and was active in the American Legion; he was a member of the VFW and the local 1506 UAW Union; he was a Little League coach for Orion and visited all 50 states with his wife; he loved to paint during his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Elmer Johnson was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Margaret Johnson Hertz; his brothers, Carl

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1 and L. Willard Johnson; and his daughter-in-law, Phyllis
2 Johnson; and

3 WHEREAS, Elmer Johnson is survived by his wife, Mary; his
4 children, Thomas Johnson, Daniel (Karen) Johnson, Marty
5 (Suzanne) Johnson, and Malia (Steve Knochenmus) Owens; his
6 half-brothers, Andy and Leonard Johnson; his half-sisters,
7 Evelyn Schollerman and Iris Hamilton; his grandchildren, Kelly
8 (Scott) Peterson, Kevin (Emily) Johnson, Sarah (Eoin) Walsh,
9 Corey Johnson, Ashley (Tyler) Horberg, and Destiny Knochenmus;
10 and his great-grandchildren, Kody and Bryan Peterson and Kyah
11 and Kile Johnson; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Elmer W. Johnson and extend our sincere condolences to his
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Elmer Johnson as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.