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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 Buford "Boots" Walters of Alton, who passed away on October 29, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in February 1917 in Terre Haute, Indiana, the son of the late Curtis A. and Ethyl (Reese) Walters; he married Irene Henkhaus on September 4, 1940, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wood River; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from high school and attended Shurtleff College before going to work at Shell Oil Co. and St. Frances Convent in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, He was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and will be remembered as a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend to many; he enjoyed sports, travel, and loved to sing; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his sister, Edna Reuter; and his brothers, Darrel, Joe, and Leland Walters; and

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WHEREAS, Buford Walters is survived by his children and their spouses, Sue Goessling and John, Sharon Jun and Richard,

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1 Mary Jo Keenan and Jim, David Walters, Nancy Green and Phil,
2 Teresa Back and Brian, and Jeffery Walters and Mary; his
3 grandchildren, Mark Goessling, Sheri Lynn Elfreich, Steve,
4 Scott, and Rick Jun, Susie Silberhorn, Jim, Mike, and Joe
5 Keenan, Sara Johnson, Amy and Adam Welch, Monica Johnson, Laura
6 Laird, Lisa Back, and Kenny and Allison Walters; and his 32
7 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 his family and friends, the passing of Buford Walters; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Buford Walters as a symbol of our
14 sincere sympathy.