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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the death of Richard R. "Dick" Bell of  
4 Wood River, who passed away on November 16, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Bell was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on  
6 November 23, 1926, to Marion Russell and Marguerite C.  
7 (Schmidt) Bell; he married Patricia A. Worcester in 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Bell served his country in the Navy; he  
9 graduated from the University of Illinois and became a partner  
10 in Worcester and Bell Construction Company; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Bell belonged to the Wood River Rotary  
12 Club, where he was recognized as a "Paul Harris Fellow" and  
13 maintained perfect attendance for more than 40 years; he served  
14 the St. Louis Regional Airport as Commissioner; he was a member  
15 of the St. Louis Zoo, the Boy Scouts of America since 1987, the  
16 Wood River Library Board, the Wood River Chamber of Commerce;  
17 he served as a Wood River Heritage Council Contributor to the  
18 Historic Chapel, the Wood River Police and Fire Commissioner,  
19 and as a member of the boards of the First National Bank of  
20 Wood River, Magna Bank, and Regions Bank; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Bell was preceded in death by his wife,

1 Patricia; and

2 WHEREAS, Richard Bell is survived by his sister, Marjorie  
3 J. Bell Grufman; his brother, William F. Bell; his son, Paul  
4 Michael (Lisa) Bell; his daughter, Mary Bell; his  
5 grandchildren, Melissa Bell (Timothy Yates), Heather (Brock)  
6 Hendricks, and Corey (Melissa) Bell; his great-grandchildren,  
7 Dalton Pryor, Jaxon, Carter and Brody Hendricks, Jayden, Kamryn  
8 and Lawson Bell; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and  
9 nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Richard Bell, and we extend our sincere condolences to his  
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Richard Bell as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.