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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 Charles H. Kelley, Jr. of Sparta, who passed away on November 18, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Kelley, Jr. was born in Belleville on November 2, 1955 to Charles H. and Mary (nee Grimm) Kelley; he married Deborah Farthing on September 19, 1975 in Coulterville; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Kelley, Jr. was a paramedic and, in 1981, he founded MedStar Ambulance, Inc., which he took from having only 2 full-time employees to having 179 employees today, 127 of which are full-time; he also served as mayor of Sparta; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Kelley, Jr. was a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Ambulance Association and the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Ambulance Association; he was a member of the Sparta Rotary Club, First United Methodist Church in Sparta, the Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3059, Southern Illinois Chapter 32 of the International Harvester Collectors, the Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors Association, and the Sparta Lions Club, where was a former President; he was a founding Board Member of the Randolph County 911 Board and was

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1 also a member of the Sparta Fire Department, from which he was
2 retired; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Kelley, Jr. was preceded in death by his
4 parents; and

5 WHEREAS, Charles Kelley, Jr. is survived by his wife,
6 Deborah; his children, Charles R. (Amy) Kelley and Michael R.
7 (Kendra) Kelley; his grandchildren, Victoria Kelley, Matthew
8 Kelley, Andrew Kelley, and Jayden Kelley; and his brother, John
9 Kelley, Sr.; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Charles H. Kelley, Jr., and extend our sincere condolences to
13 his 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 Charles Kelley, Jr. as an expression
17 of our deepest sympathy.