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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 George J. Lacy of Gillespie, who passed away on February 8, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, George Lacy was born in Buxton, Iowa to Andrew and Elizabeth (Krupar) Lacy on September 15, 1916; he graduated from Benld High School in 1935 and married Evelyn I. (Boyd) Lacy in Carlinville on May 1, 1940; and

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WHEREAS, George Lacy and his brothers, John and Andy, were the owners and operators of Lacy's Appliance & TV in Gillespie; he retired from his business in 1985 after having worked since 1944; and

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WHEREAS, George Lacy was a tinkerer, inventor, artist, a general jack-of-all-trades, and even an airplane pilot in his youth; his artwork includes many sketches, paintings, and elaborately decorated Easter eggs, in the style of Eastern European "Pysanky"; he was a master cabinet maker and made many pieces of furniture for himself, his family, and others; he built custom kitchen cabinetry for his wife, a uniquely designed bedroom furniture for his eldest daughter, and a playhouse in the backyard for his youngest daughter; his woodworking skills were recognized in a national publication

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1 for an attic room that he converted to a bedroom for his sons;  
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3 WHEREAS, George Lacy was a member of the SS. Simon and Jude  
4 Church in Gillespie, where he was an honorary member of the  
5 Jude Altar Society; he was also a member of the Gillespie Fire  
6 Department, the Holy Cross Cemetery Board, and the Welfare Park  
7 Association; he was a fourth degree member of the Knights of  
8 Columbus; and

9 WHEREAS, George Lacy was preceded in death by his parents;  
10 his wife, Evelyn; his son, William Lacy; his son-in-law, Jack  
11 Stankoven; and his siblings, Andy Lacy, John Lacy, Mike Lacy,  
12 Elizabeth Varcho, Ann Lonoski, Helen Aghetta, Marge  
13 Verticchio, and Mary Lacy; and

14 WHEREAS, George Lacy is survived by his children, George  
15 (Doris) Lacy, Kathryn Stankoven, and Peggy (Alan) Barkley; his  
16 daughter-in-law, Dian Lacy; his grandchildren, Richard Lacy,  
17 Ron (Anne) Lacy, John (Beth) Stankoven, Karen (Scott) Howard,  
18 Michelle (Steven) Lowery, Brad (Jessica) Barkley, and Lacy  
19 Barkley; and his great-grandchildren, Nick Lacy, Alex Lacy,  
20 Courtney Jones, Jordan Stankoven, Zachary Howard, Brenae  
21 Howard, Jacob Howard, "Trip" Lowery, Caden Barkley, Evan  
22 Barkley, and Blair Barkley; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 George J. Lacy, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
5 further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of George Lacy as an expression of our  
8 deepest sympathy.