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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 Dale Eugene "Gene" Trimble of Newman, who passed away on April 26, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Trimble was born in Jewett to Roy Orval and Belle Bishop Trimble on August 2, 1925; he attended school in Chrisman and then Newport, Indiana, where he started playing the trumpet; he moved to Newman during his junior year of high school and graduated from Newman High School in 1943; he married Ann McIntyre in Newman on November 20, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Trimble was a farmer by occupation, but his love of music was his vocation and making music played a major role in his life; as a high school junior he started a dance band, "Gene Trimble's Orchestra", which was promoted as "The Midwest's Most Danceable Music"; his dance band traveled throughout Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and Pennsylvania; and

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WHEREAS, Dale Trimble operated the Newman Danceland Ballroom, which attracted dancers from miles away; another musical avenue was his clown band featured in parades, marinas, and parks and delighted crowds at the Illinois State Fair for 51 years; for decades, he donated his time playing "Taps" at

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1 military funerals and veterans affairs throughout western
2 Indiana and central Illinois; and

3 WHEREAS, Dale Trimble and his wife were inseparable
4 partners in farming, music events, philanthropic and community
5 endeavors, and travel; and

6 WHEREAS, Dale Trimble was preceded in death by his parents;
7 his wife of 55 years, Ann; infant twin daughters; and his
8 brother, Doyle Trimble; and

9 WHEREAS, Dale Trimble is survived by his sons, Dana
10 (Binnie) and Tod (Monica) Trimble; his daughter, Beth (David)
11 Partenheimer; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren;
12 his sister, Madge Warters; several nieces and nephews; and a
13 special friend and companion, Sue Edmundson; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Dale Eugene "Gene" Trimble, and extend our sincere condolences
17 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Dale Trimble as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.