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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 Clinton Charles "Kelly" Ireland of Greenville, who passed away on June 17, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Clinton Ireland was born in Fayette County to Charles and Rose Thompson Ireland on March 8, 1922; he married Lucille Pryor in St. Charles, Missouri on July 27, 1941 and they settled in St. Louis; and

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WHEREAS, Clinton Ireland began working as a union steward at Curtiss-Wright when he enlisted in the United States Navy as a Seabee in June of 1943; he served in the European Theater (D-Day, plus 5) until December of 1945; while in Paris, he was chosen to be the driver for General Dwight Eisenhower while the general was visiting area hospitals; and

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WHEREAS, Clinton Ireland returned to Sorento in 1945, where he owned and operated a Firestone store and garage; he attended Greenville College for two years before transferring to Southern Illinois University (SIU); he served as assistant shop teacher in their vocational shops; and

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WHEREAS, Clinton Ireland served in the United States Naval Reserve at the Lambert Field Naval Air Station for two weeks

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1 when his unit was one of the first to be called into active
2 duty for the Korean War; he served as an aviation mechanic as
3 part of a fighter squadron aboard the aircraft carrier Tarawa;
4 he was then transferred to a naval air station at Rhode Island,
5 where he served as plane captain for Admiral Ruble for 18
6 months; upon discharge, he returned to SIU to complete his
7 Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education in 1954; he later
8 completed his master's degree in education from the University
9 of Illinois in 1957; and

10 WHEREAS, Clinton Ireland taught at East Alton-Wood River
11 High School before coming to Greenville to introduce industrial
12 arts at the Greenville Junior High School; he went on to teach
13 general shop, metal-working, and wood-working at the high
14 school; he later served as high school guidance counselor and
15 Director of Vocational and Adult Education; his teaching career
16 spanned a 25-year period; and

17 WHEREAS, Clinton Ireland served as a councilman for
18 Greenville; he was elected as mayor in 1977 and served three
19 terms; this was followed with two terms as a member of the city
20 planning commission, and later, as a council member again; in
21 all he served close to 35 years in city government; and

22 WHEREAS, Clinton Ireland was the recipient of the
23 Greenville College Recognition Award in 1979, the Greenville

1 Women's Club Service Award in 1993, and the Greenville Chamber
2 of Commerce 2003 Gerald Turley Award; and

3 WHEREAS, Clinton Ireland was preceded in death by his
4 daughter, Pamela Portell; his brothers, Wayne Ireland and
5 Eugene Ireland; and his sisters, Bonnie Ireland, Marjorie
6 Ireland, Fay Kistler, Helen Washburn, and Irene Eakin; and

7 WHEREAS, Clinton Ireland is survived by his wife, Lucille;
8 his daughter, Sandra (Van Loyd); his grandchildren, Kelly
9 Horton, Brent Portell, Cheri Lucco, Charlotte Sutton, and
10 Virginia Kalotihos; and 11 great-grandchildren, Trammel and
11 Katie Horton, Brock, Brodie, Rece, and Brylee Portell, Will
12 Greenwald, Rachel (Dan) Cannoy, Hannah (Evan) Kelley, Laura
13 Lucco, Christiana and Lena Kalotihos, and Jordan and Grace
14 Shaw; therefore, be it

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

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Clinton Ireland as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.