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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 Raymond G. Kroker of Huntley, who passed away on June 28, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Kroker was born in Chicago to George Frederick and Lillian (Solhem) Kroker on November 11, 1922; he graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in engineering; he served during World War II as a navigator/bombardier of a B-25 with the famed "Burma Bridge Busters" 10th Air Force in China/Burma; he retired as a lieutenant colonel from the United States Air Force Reserve; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Kroker worked as an electrical engineer for Eureka-Williams for many years while living in Bloomington; he moved his family to Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1969; he set up and operated Kroker Engineering, where he designed and manufactured the racing boat motors, Sea Wasp, Sea Ram, and Sea Pup; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Kroker was preceded in death by his parents and his son-in-law, Leroy Bianchi; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Kroker is survived by his children, George

1 (Leslie) Kroker, Linda Bianchi, Jeanne (George) Guerdrum, and  
2 Kathleen (Bruce) Fleshren; and his grandchildren, Molly,  
3 Elizabeth, and Kristi Kroker, Louis and Anne Bianchi, and  
4 Jonathan and Geoffrey (Carmen) Guerdrum; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Raymond G. Kroker, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Raymond Kroker as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.