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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 Burdette Carlson of Ottawa, who passed away on September 6, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Carlson was born in Rockford to Sven Otto and Ellen (Hallen) Carlson on January 2, 1917; he married Vertie Mae Thomas at Trinity Lutheran Church in Harvard on November 22, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Carlson worked as a farmer in the Belvidere area and a milkman; he sold livestock feed, and worked in auto part sales until he bought the Tow Path House in Ottawa, where he refinished furniture until the age of 95; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Carlson was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Ottawa, the American Legion Post #33, the Ottawa Moose Lodge, Odd Fellows, and The International Society of Apple Parer Enthusiasts; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Carlson was preceded in death by his wife, Vertie; and his siblings, William, Donald, and Wilmer Carlson, Audrey Meyer, Robert Johnson, and Adeline Rudeen; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Carlson is survived by his children, Lynn

1 Carlson, Paul (Sandy) Carlson, Gene (Jayne) Carlson, John M.
2 (Gail) Carlson, and Nancy (Dennis) Murry; his grandchildren,
3 Chanda (Ron) Marti, Tony (Lisa) Carlson, Arik (Kim) Carlson,
4 Andrew Carlson, Michelle (Eric) Peterson, Krista (Steve)
5 Blatt, Mike Carlson, Christy (Al) Gray, Chad Murry, and Stacey
6 (Alex) Burke; his great-grandchildren, Dakota, Marti, Kenny,
7 Tyler, Vivian, Bryce and Belle Carlson, Noah Smith, Libby
8 Blatt, Mikayla, Trevor, and Thomas Carlson, Anna and James
9 Burke, Brynn and Alexander Gray, and Joel and Noah Morstatter;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Raymond Burdette Carlson, and extend our sincere condolences to
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Ray Carlson as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.