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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 Jon Paul Gentry of Tallula, who passed away on July 4, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Jon Gentry was born in Vinita, Oklahoma to Claude and Kathryn (Goodman) Gentry on November 11, 1928; he joined the National Guard as a radio operator and proudly served during the Korean conflict; he married Violet Mae Hamilton in Vinita, Oklahoma on May 27, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Jon Gentry was a former member of the First United Methodist Church, a former senior member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers, and a past Master of Masonic Lodge #5 in Vinita, Oklahoma; he was a member of the IBT Sunday School Class, the Telephone Pioneers, the American Legion, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, and a charter member of the Tulsa Consistory; he was an amateur radio operator for over 60 years; and

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WHEREAS, Jon Gentry was preceded in death by his parents; his grandmother, Pauline Patton; and his grandson, Brandon Gentry; and

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WHEREAS, Jon Gentry is survived by his wife, Violet; his

1 children, Paula Gentry, Lisa Gentry, and Jon (Elaine) Gentry;
2 his 11 grandchildren; and his four great-grandchildren;
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4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Jon Paul Gentry and extend our sincere condolences to his
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Jon Gentry as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.