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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 Jesse Willard Parker of Normal, who passed away on July 14, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Parker was born in Baldwin County, Alabama to Coey E. and Cornelia Thomley Parker on July 2, 1927; during World War II, he joined the Merchant Marines at the age of 17 and served on a ship off the coast of France during the invasion; he served in the United States Army during the Korean War; he married Dorothy Eswine in Evansville, Indiana on April 25, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Parker sold fertilizer for VEE CEE after his army service; he was then hired as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service; he delivered mail for most of his working life and also served as the Vehicle Operations Maintenance Assistant (VOMA); he retired as the postmaster of the Lexington Post Office; he continued to serve in the National Guard, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

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WHEREAS, Jesse Parker was a member of the American Legion and Calvary Baptist Church in Normal; he was a 33rd Degree Mason and a member of the Mohammed Shrine and the Eastern Star; he was an avid outdoorsman, fisherman, and hunter; he was a

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1 gifted storyteller; and

2 WHEREAS, Jesse Parker was preceded in death by his wife,
3 Dorothy; his sisters, Louise Lucas and Annie; and his brothers,
4 Coey Jr. and William; and

5 WHEREAS, Jesse Parker is survived by his daughter, Sandra
6 "Sandy" Parker; his sisters, Ida Belle Monks and Lil Morton;
7 his brother, Bob (Charlene); his half-sister, Judy Woods; and
8 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Jesse Willard Parker and extend our sincere condolences to his
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Jesse Parker as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.