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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 Clarence "Ray" Knuckles of Bloomington, who passed away on August 22, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Knuckles was born in Wing to James C. and Alice Helen Wright Knuckles on June 23, 1919; he served in the United States Army during World War II, where he obtained the rank of lieutenant colonel and was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars; he earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois; he married Mary Earle Marsh at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana on May 10, 1942; she preceded him in death; he married Betty Wilson Strouse in Bloomington on September 11, 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Knuckles worked at Bloomington Federal Savings & Loan, where he was vice president of appraisals; he retired in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Knuckles was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, where he was a former elder; he was a member of the Bloomington Exchange Club; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Knuckles was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Beatrice Spafford and Janice Bowers; and

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1           WHEREAS, Ray Knuckles is survived by his wife, Betty; his  
2 children, Jeffrey J. (Barbara) Knuckles and Julia Rae (John)  
3 Fetter; his stepchildren, Debra Sue (Jimmy) Maruskin, Linda Jo  
4 Strouse, and Roger L. Strouse; his seven grandchildren; his two  
5 great-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren and  
6 step-great-great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 Raymond Clarence "Ray" Knuckles and extend our sincere  
10 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
11 him; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Ray Knuckles as an expression of our  
14 deepest sympathy.