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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Gerald Kalsbeek of Mountain Home, Arkansas, on April 23, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Kalsbeek was born on December 20, 1912, in Groningen, Netherlands to Anne Gerard and Geesje Oving Kalsbeek; and

WHEREAS, He married Harmina Vander Wal in Groningen on May 10, 1937; he then immigrated to the United States of America in 1951 after having owned a grocery business for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kalsbeek was a retired school custodian and a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church; he moved to Mountain Home, Arkansas, in 1977 from Glen Ellyn; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Kalsbeek was a devoted husband and loving father; his passing will be deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Harmina Kalsbeek; his four children, Arthur (Karen) Kalsbeek, Janneke (Robert) Smith, Dr. Edward Kalsbeek, and Frederik (Barbara) Kalsbeek; his six grandchildren; his five great-grandchildren; and his step great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers and two sisters; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of Gerald Kalsbeek along with all who knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Gerald Kalsbeek as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.