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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 Lucious Leon Gentry, who passed away on August 6, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Lucious Gentry was born on March 4, 1922 in Algoa, Arkansas; he was the son of George S. and Lucille (Smith) Gentry; he married the former Barbara Mae Potter on September 7, 1947 in Morganfield, Kentucky; and

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WHEREAS, Lucious Gentry served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the 101st Airborne Division's Glider Corps during World War II; during the war, he served throughout the European theatre and fought in five major conflicts; he was awarded the Bronze Star in recognition of his service; and

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WHEREAS, Lucious Gentry was employed at Olin Corporation as a machine operator until his retirement; he was a member of the VFW in Cottage Hills; and

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WHEREAS, Lucious Gentry was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, William Gentry; and his sister, Louise Rockett; and

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WHEREAS, Lucious Gentry is survived by his loving wife of

1 62 years; his sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel S. and Arlene  
2 Gentry and Russell L. and Fran Gentry; his grandchildren,  
3 Danyel, Derek, Dustin, and Christopher; and his 8 beautiful and  
4 loving great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
7 his family and friends, the passing of Lucious Gentry; and be  
8 it further

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