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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 Robert G. Rice of Benton, who passed away on September 2, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Rice was born on August 1, 1915, in Benton; his parents were Om-er and Daisy (Moore) Rice; he married Rose Dallape on January 27, 1940; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Rice served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the United States Navy during World War II until his honorable discharge; and

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WHEREAS, After serving in the military, Robert Rice and his wife started Rice Produce, which later became Rice Foods; he successfully ran the business until his retirement in 1985; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Rice was an active member and supporter of North Benton Baptist Church for more than 70 years; he and his wife were ardent supporters of Benton and Rend Lake College and established the first endowment fund at Rend Lake College to guarantee a perpetual annual scholarship to assist Rend Lake College students; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Rice and his wife were named the Benton

1 Chamber of Commerce Citizens of the Year in 1993 for their  
2 service in the community; and

3 WHEREAS, Robert Rice was preceded in death by his parents;  
4 his son, Robert Douglas Rice; his brother, John Rice; his  
5 sister-in-law, Wilma Rice; his sister, Betty Rice Jones; his  
6 brother-in-law, Bertis Jones; and several brothers-in-law and  
7 sisters-in-law; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Rice is survived by his wife, Rose Dallape  
9 Rice; his daughter, Eleanor Rice Glenn and her husband, Nealy;  
10 his daughter-in-law, Maureen German Rice; his grandchildren,  
11 Michelle Glenn Mote (Keith), Kristin Glenn Haycocks (Ian),  
12 Cheryl Glenn (Weslyn), Elisabeth Rice (Pete) Fung, and Daniel  
13 Rice (Rosslind); his great-grandchildren, Erica Mote, Erin  
14 Mote, Haydn Haycocks, Gus Haycocks, Jordan Fung, Jacob Fung,  
15 Caleb Fung, Devrah Fung, Braden Rice, Zachary Rice, and  
16 Nicholas Whitlock; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore,  
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18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
20 his family and friends, the passing of Robert G. Rice; and be  
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Robert Rice as an expression of our  
2 sympathy.