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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 John C. Winkelman of Marengo, who passed away on April 12, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, John Winkelman was born on February 12, 1958, in Belvidere; his parents were Melvin and Marialyce (Lowe) Winkelman; he married Lynn Nepstad on July 29, 1995, in Huntley; and

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WHEREAS, John Winkelman was raised in Marengo and graduated from Marengo Community High School in 1976; he was a part of the Marengo Rescue Squad for 18 years, where he earned the title of chief; he served as a volunteer firefighter for the Huntley Fire Department for 3 years before becoming a full-time employee in 1991; he eventually worked his way to the rank of captain; and

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WHEREAS, John Winkelman enjoyed riding his motorcycle, fishing, animals, and spending time with his family; in his spare time, he served as the caretaker at Barber Cemetery; and

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WHEREAS, John Winkelman was preceded in death by his parents; and

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1 WHEREAS, John Winkelman is survived by his wife, Lynn; his
2 daughters, Sherie (Nolan) ONeil, Tara (Jerremy) Swafford, and
3 Julie Winkelman; his stepsons, Matthew and Richard Altepeter;
4 his grandchildren, Samantha, Morgan, Elijah, Avery, Chloe,
5 Lilliana, and Chase; his brother, Joe Winkelman; his
6 mother-in-law, Jean Nepstad; his many nieces, nephews,
7 cousins, and close friends; and his brothers and sisters at the
8 fire and rescue departments he served; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 his family and friends, the passing of John C. Winkelman; and
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of John Winkelman as an expression of
15 our sympathy.