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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Ralph
4 Edwin Gussarson of Antioch, who passed away on March 11, 2014;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Ralph Gussarson was born on May 2, 1925 to Hugo
7 and Edith (nee Olson) Gussarson; he graduated from Antioch High
8 School in 1942 and joined the United States Navy in 1943,
9 serving in the South Pacific during World War II; he was
10 discharged in 1946 and married Ruthella Keister at the United
11 Methodist Church in Antioch on October 8, 1949; and

12 WHEREAS, Ralph Gussarson retired as a diecast machinist in
13 1982 from the Outboard Motor Corporation in Waukegan; and

14 WHEREAS, Ralph Gussarson was a charter and life-member of
15 the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4551 in Antioch, where he
16 was Bingo Chairman; he was also a life-member of the American
17 Legion Post #771 in Gurnee; in 1954, he joined the Antioch
18 Moose Lodge #525 and received a Fellowship Decree and served as
19 Governor from 1989 to 1991; he had served as past-President of
20 the Antioch Township Republican Club, Precinct #2
21 committeeman, Alderman of Felter's Subdivision, and Antioch
22 Beautification Committee member; and

1 WHEREAS, Ralph Gussarson enjoyed gardening and playing
2 golf; and

3 WHEREAS, Ralph Gussarson was preceded in death by his
4 parents, and by his brother, Otto Gussarson; and

5 WHEREAS, Ralph Gussarson is survived by his wife, of nearly
6 65 years, Ruthella; his children, Bruce (Angela), Joan (Troy)
7 Shea, Daryl "Duffy" (Arlene), LuAnn (Alfred) Ultes, and Alan
8 (Caryn); his grandchildren, Tricia Fandre, Lisa Chavez, Adam
9 Chavez, Kristy Gussarson, Jennifer Gussarson, Jason Ultes,
10 Jeffrey Ultes, Daryl Renee Gussarson, and Michael Gussarson;
11 his 23 great-grandchildren; his 5 great-great-grandchildren;
12 his sister, Ruth Winfield; and several nieces, nephews, and
13 friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Ralph Edwin Gussarson, and extend our
17 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
18 and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Ralph Gussarson as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.