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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 Stephen A. Paynic, who passed away on January 16, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Paynic was born on December 19, 1923, in Granite City; his parents were Anthony and Frances (Kezele) Paynic Sr.; he married S. Jean Lightbody on February 9, 1952, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Wood River; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Paynic served his country as a member of the United States Army Air Force during World War II as a nose gunner on a B-24 bomber; he flew 29 combat missions and was a recipient of the Air Medal with 2 clusters; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Paynic served as a junior high teacher in Roxana Schools; he later served as principal at Rosewood Elementary School before his eventual retirement in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Paynic was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Wood River VFW #2859; and

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WHEREAS, Stephen Paynic was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Edward Paynic, Fr. Richard Paynic, and Anthony Paynic; and his sisters, Helen Eich, Julia Paynic, and

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1 Rose Marie Bowler; and

2 WHEREAS, Stephen Paynic is survived by his wife of 60  
3 years; his sons, Stephen Paynic, Brian (Brenda) Paynic, Gregory  
4 (Laura) Paynic, and Christopher (Mary) Paynic; his daughters,  
5 Catherine (Michael) Weaver and Diane (John) Herndon; his 18  
6 grandchildren; his 5 great-grandchildren; his brother, George  
7 J. Paynic, who passed away a few hours after his brother; his  
8 brother-in-law, Eldon Bowler; and his many nieces and nephews;  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
12 his family and friends, the passing of Stephen A. Paynic; and  
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Stephen Paynic as an expression of  
16 our sympathy.