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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 Merritt Roger Busby, who passed away on August 30, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Busby was born on October 21, 1940 in Danville; his parents were Edwin and Nora (Glick) Busby; he married Karon Platson Cornwell on October 31, 1992 at the Brocton Christian Church; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Busby attended Metcalf Grade School and Hume Junior High School; he subsequently graduated from Young America High School in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Busby served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1967, having attained the rank of Sergeant; he served in Korea for 2 years during the Vietnam War era and served as an assistant drill instructor at Ft. Knox, Kentucky; after completing his military service, he attended Eastern Illinois University, where he graduated in 1971; he also completed the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Busby devoted his life to public service; he served as a deputy sheriff in Edgar County for 12 years; he later worked for the Illinois Department of Children and Family

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1 Services as an abuse investigator and licensing representative
2 for home day cares until his retirement in 2006; and

3 WHEREAS, Roger Busby was a member and elder at the Brocton
4 Christian Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Roger Busby was preceded in death by his parents
6 and his sister, Martha Busby Wagner; and

7 WHEREAS, Roger Busby is survived by his wife; his
8 step-children, Julie Cornwell and J.R. (Beth) Cornwell; his
9 nieces, Martha Anne (Robert) Bollinger, Katelyn Bollinger, and
10 Emily Bollinger; his nephew, David Wagner; his grandchildren,
11 Mitchell, Carissa, and Megan Cornwell; his mother-in-law,
12 Virginia Reedy; his brother-in-law, Roger Reedy; his
13 sisters-in-law, Janice Sharpton (Richard), Joann Lokken
14 (Robert), and Debra Platson; and his many other extended family
15 members and friends; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
18 family and friends, mourn the passing of Merritt Roger Busby;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Roger Busby as an expression of our

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