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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 Harrison "Gene" Willis of Vernon Hills, who passed away on September 28, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Willis was born in Ellington, Missouri to George and Grace Willis; he served in World War II and was a veteran of the "Battle of the Bulge" with the 87th Infantry, Golden Acorn Division; he was a retired Senior Chief Petty Officer in the Naval Reserves; he retired from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center as Chief Crane Operator; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Willis had a passion for automobiles and he was the former secretary and treasurer of the Lake County, Illinois Corvette Club; he also enjoyed painting and singing; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Willis was preceded in death by his first wife, Georgia (nee Shelby) Willis; his second wife, Katherine (nee Corzine) Willis; his parents; and his siblings, Lois, Hazel, Volley, Lewis, and Shirley; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Willis is survived by his children, Joyce (Michael) Wade, Rita (James) Bero, and Steven (Billie Jean) Willis; his grandchildren, Brent (Cynthia) Wade, Eddie (Mindy)

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1 Plante, Carson (Brian) Gasner, Dawn Wilkenson, Crystal Willis,  
2 Melisa (Joe) Wilkenson-Morzuch, and Shelby (Aaron) Gustman;  
3 his 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews;  
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Harrison "Gene" Willis, and extend our sincere condolences to  
8 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Harrison Willis as an expression of  
12 our deepest sympathy.