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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 Kenneth K. Hamsher of Fox Lake, who passed away on June 22, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Kenneth Hamsher was born on October 22, 1922 in Flint, Michigan; he was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II and a charter member of the Johnsburg (Volunteer) Rescue Squad; and

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WHEREAS, Kenneth Hamsher owned and operated the K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home (formerly the Justen-Hamsher Funeral Home) from 1953 until his passing; he provided emergency care to Fox Lake and the surrounding communities through his ambulance service until the Fox Lake Rescue Squad came into existence; and

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WHEREAS, Kenneth Hamsher was a member of St. Bede Catholic Church in Ingleside, the Fox Lake Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion Post 703, and the Fox Lake Lions Club; he was a charter member of the Lakeland Cardinals Football Team and was a member of its Board of Directors; he sponsored the Blind Bowlers Association and Grant Township Little League; he was a former member of the Lake County Sheriff's Merit Commission and he served one term on the Grant High School Board, 2 terms as

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1 trustee for the Village of Fox Lake, and as Mayor of Fox Lake;
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3 WHEREAS, Kenneth Hamsher enjoyed collecting and
4 refurbishing antique cars, including his 1927 Meteor Hearse
5 which he drove in many Fox Lake parades; he also enjoyed
6 boating on Chain O'Lakes and gardening; he was an avid Chicago
7 Bears fan and was an animal lover, especially of his Digger I
8 and Digger II; and

9 WHEREAS, Kenneth Hamsher was preceded in death by his wife
10 of 63 years, Thelma (nee Lay); and

11 WHEREAS, Kenneth Hamsher is survived by his children,
12 Deborah (Dale) Glen, Sr., Sharon (Alan) Breunig, and Kirk
13 Hamsher; his grandchildren, Dale Glen, Jr., Kevin (Katy) Glen,
14 Kory (Lisa) Glen, Joe and Lou Amodeo, Brandon (Meaghan)
15 Breunig, Brittany (Kyle) Pettengell, Logan Ernster, and Hayden
16 Hamsher; great-grandchildren, Gracie, Charlotte, Evan and
17 Emily Glen, Ben, Will, and Hallie Breunig, and Ava, Bella, and
18 David Pettengell; and by many dear friends, his excellent
19 caregivers, and especially his dearest and loving caregiver,
20 Jo; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Kenneth K. Hamsher, and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Kenneth Hamsher as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.