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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 Charles G. Rakers of Aviston, who passed away on July 29, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Rakers was born in Aviston on July 5, 1939 to Bernard and Gertrude (nee Hellmann) Rakers, Sr.; he married Dolores Imming on June 5, 1962 in Aviston; he was a veteran of the United States Army Reserve; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Rakers worked for Markus Cabinet Manufacturing in Aviston, and then for Aviston Lumber for 38 years; he retired from the Centralia Correctional Facility as a central management services garage foreman; he was a retired member of the Aviston Fire Department, a former Board Member for the Village of Aviston from 1983 to 1989, the former mayor of the Village of Aviston from 1989 to 2009, a member of the Clinton County Board, and a member and former Chairman of the Clinton County Republican Central Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Rakers enjoyed being at his clubhouse, "Rakers Acres"; he was a member of St. Francis Parish of Assisi in Aviston; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Rakers was preceded in death by his wife,

1 Dolores; his parents, Bernard and Gertrude Rakers, Sr.; 3
2 brothers, Ben, Tony, and Al Rakers; 2 sisters, Annie Kalmer and
3 Mary "Sally" Haselhorst; and sisters-in-law and
4 brothers-in-law, Clara Rakers, Leona Rakers, Vincent Kalmer,
5 Rita Rakers, Vic Kalmer, Robert Haselhorst, Vince Langenhorst,
6 David Heimann, Walter Toennies, Arleen Lochridge, Marilyn
7 Kuhl, and Marge Kerkemeyer; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Rakers is survived by his 2 sons, Gary
9 (Kathleen) Rakers and Michael (Kimberly) Rakers; 5
10 grandchildren, April (Jason) Kohnen, Amanda (David) Erlinger,
11 Jessica Rakers, Jacob Rakers, and Ben Rakers; 2
12 great-grandchildren, Sarah and Meagan Kohnen; a brother, Jim
13 (Marilyn) Rakers; 4 sisters, Rita Kalmer, Delores Langenhorst,
14 Johanna Heimann, and Julie Toennies; brothers-in-law and
15 sister-in-law, Robert Lochridge, Matthew Kuhl, Paul
16 Kerkemeyer, and Ruth and Raymond Blumenstein; and many nieces,
17 nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Charles G. Rakers, and extend our sincere condolences to his
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Charles Rakers as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.