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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 Thomas G. "Jerry" Hays of Catlin, who passed away on December 10, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Hays was born to Thomas and Leotta (nee Smith) Hays; he graduated from Oakwood High School and attended Danville Area Community College; he married Hilda Gouty on April 11, 1962 in Danville; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Hays worked as maintenance supervisor for the Illinois Power Company (now Ameren) at the Vermilion Power Station in Oakwood for more than 40 years; under his supervision, the plant was awarded numerous company-wide safety awards; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Hays was a past president of the Catlin Summer Youth League, and he was a member of the Illinois National Guard and the Davis Busby Catlin American Legion Post 776; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Hays was an accomplished master craftsman who could tackle any project or task; he was jokingly known by his family as a mathematical genius; and

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1 WHEREAS, Thomas Hays is survived by his wife, Hilda; his
2 son, State Representative Chad (Ruth) Hays; his 2 daughters,
3 Carla (Dean) Modglin and Karen (Mike) Ostaffe; his 8
4 grandchildren, Leighton and Caleb Peavler, Damon Hays, Grace
5 and Evan Modglin, and Kate, Michael, and Xander Ostaffe; his 2
6 great-grandsons, Greyson and Wesley Peavler; his sister,
7 Marilyn (Jerry) Atkins; his niece, Wendy (Doug) Taylor; and his
8 2 nephews, Eric (Carlyn) Atkins and Brian (Laurie) Atkins;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Thomas G. "Jerry" Hays, and extend our sincere condolences to
13 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Thomas Hays as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.