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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 Jeff Welker of Maryville, who passed away on January 19, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Jeff Welker was born in Wood River on November 12, 1949 to Leslie and Beatrice (nee Brown) Welker; he married Cindy Nowak on August 22, 2008 at the Charles Raich Memorial Football Field in Roxana; and

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WHEREAS, Jeff Welker was employed by Roxana Community School District #1 as a history teacher for over 37 years; he received numerous recognitions, including the Silver Medallion Teacher of the Year, the Illinois State Historical Society Teacher of the Year, and the Emerson Electric Excellence in Teaching Award; he was the History Club sponsor at Roxana High School, where he also coached football, girls basketball, and weight lifting, and taught adult education classes concerning the Holocaust; he aided many students in joining the military; he started the football program at Bunker Hill High School; and

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WHEREAS, Jeff Welker was a Civil War re-enactor for 18 years; he attended First Baptist Church in Roxana; and

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WHEREAS, Jeff Welker was preceded in death by his parents

1 and his niece, Lori Kay Rigsbey; and

2 WHEREAS, Jeff Welker is survived by his wife, Cindy; his
3 daughter, Kristy Ann Welker; his step-children, Don Nowak,
4 Amanda Nowak, and David Nowak; his 2 grandchildren, Shawn James
5 Fulton and Gabriella Welker; his sister and brother-in-law,
6 Leslie and Dana Rigsbey; his nephew, David Rigsbey; his
7 brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Michael and Kelly Ann
8 Rozmin; his sister-in-law, Michelle Gordon; his nephew, Adam
9 Palmquist; and his niece, Margaret Palmquist; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Jeff Welker, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
13 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Jeff Welker as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.