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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 Gerald M. Finn of rural Virginia, who passed away on January 12, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Finn was born in McIntosh, South Dakota on August 7, 1919 to Robert and Charlotte "Lottie" Puckett Finn; he graduated from Chandlerville High School and served with the United States Army during World War II; he married Mary Ellen Trenter on May 31, 1945 at St. Luke's Church in Virginia; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Finn was a longtime grain and livestock farmer in Cass County; he also served as an auctioneer for 47 years, and, upon his retirement, he was the oldest practicing auctioneer in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Finn was a member of St. Luke's Parish in Virginia; he enjoyed square dancing and collecting antiques, and he never met a stranger his entire life; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Finn was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ellen; his 2 sisters, Alvenia Sinclair and Mary Decker Cox (John); his brother, Leo Finn (Helen); and his 2 brothers and a sister in childhood; and

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1 WHEREAS, Gerald Finn is survived by his 5 children,
2 Kathleen Lage-Meeks (Dennis), Michael Finn (Jenny Earl),
3 Patricia Vincent (Tim), David Finn (Gina), and Stephen Finn
4 (Gina); his 6 grandchildren, Michelle Richardson (Paul) and
5 Danny, Luke, Hayden, Samuel, and Ryan Finn; his 2
6 step-grandchildren, Kevin Meeks (Raquel) and Greg Meeks; his 2
7 great-grandchildren; his 3 step-great-grandchildren; several
8 nieces and nephews; and Jenny's daughter, Stephanie Parlier
9 (Andy) and their children, Addisen and Hannah Parlier;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
13 Gerald M. Finn, and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Gerald Finn as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.