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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 William Earl Wharton of Woodstock, who passed away on November 19, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, William Wharton was born in Chester on October 18, 1917 to James G. and Edith (nee Katzmark) Wharton; he attended Lane Tech High School in Chicago; after graduation, he earned his pilot's license and joined the United States Army; he was first stationed stateside with an artillery unit and then sent to North Africa with the 36th Infantry Division from Texas; he flew several reconnaissance missions in North Africa and participated in the invasion of Italy with the 36th Infantry Division; he also helped to liberate the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp in Austria; he married Dorothy May Stahlberg on July 8, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, After the war, William Wharton worked for Admiral and then Union Special as a quality control inspector; and

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WHEREAS, William Wharton was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; his son, William Wharton; his brother, James Wharton; and his sister, Clarice Owen; and

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WHEREAS, William Wharton is survived by his son, Timothy

1 Wharton; his 2 daughters, Kathleen (Don) Bennett and Sharon
2 (Al) Emery; his 11 grandchildren, Beth Ann, Amanda, Kyle,
3 William Sevcik, Suzanne Robinson, Rachael, Amy, Elise, Linda
4 Kay Harner, Michael Harner, and Andrew Emery; and several
5 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 William Earl Wharton, and extend our sincere condolences to his
9 family, his friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of William Wharton as an expression of
13 our deepest sympathy.