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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 Merrill K. Douglass of Woodstock, who passed away on March 16, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Merrill Douglass was born in Hebron Township on July 22, 1910 to Edwin and Emma (nee Boughton) Douglass; he married Delia Riemer on October 8, 1936 in Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, Merrill Douglass was a dairy farmer; he farmed with his father from 1933 until going on his own in 1945; he worked his own farms in the Greenwood and Woodstock areas until 1958; he also did custodial work for Woodstock High School and then Dean Street School until retiring in 1975; he was instrumental in the creation of School District 10, which encompassed rural schools in the Woodstock area; and

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WHEREAS, After his retirement, Merrill Douglass traveled extensively, visiting family and friends, and finally settled in Walworth Wisconsin for many years; he returned to Woodstock in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, Merrill Douglass was preceded in death by his wife, Delia; his daughter, Ruth Freund; his grandson, Thomas Freund; his brothers, Leslie, Eugene, and Glenn; and his

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1 sisters, Ethelin, Lorraine, and Eva Jane; and

2 WHEREAS, Merrill Douglass is survived by his children,  
3 Delbert Douglas (Marilyn Payne), Frederick (Elizabeth)  
4 Douglass, Janet (Jonathon) Douglass-Davis, John (Mary)  
5 Douglass, Rosemary (Barney) Alewine, and Richard (Jill)  
6 Douglass; his grandchildren, Valerie (Brian) Berryhill, Joyce  
7 Prickett, Donna Everett, Jerome (Sharon) Freund, Brenda Hills,  
8 Teri (Bruce) Marks, Michael (Claire) Douglass, Eileen Foreman,  
9 Daniel Douglass, Donna Lonza, Andrew (Kristen) Douglass,  
10 Jennifer Douglass, Michele Aavang (Ron Behrens), Catherine  
11 (Arlyn) Roush, Robert Aavang (Matthew Cieniewski), Thomas  
12 Douglass, Patrick Douglass, Ruth (Josh) Burt, Robin (Joseph)  
13 Schultz, Randall Alewine, Benjamin Douglass, and Kyle  
14 Douglass; his step-grandchildren, David Davis (Julie Casey),  
15 Matthew Davis, Brandon (Stacy) Davis, and Michelle (Jason)  
16 Deliso; his 44 great-grandchildren; his 13  
17 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews;  
18 therefore, be it

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

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Merrill Douglass as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.