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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 Howard J. Cotton of Bloomington, who passed away on March 3, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Cotton was born on June 4, 1932 in Heyworth; his parents were John D. and Nellie D. Lee Cotton; he married Mary Catherine Lenegar on October 20, 1956 in Bloomington; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Cotton served as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Cotton was a graduate of Heyworth High School; he was an electrician by trade and a member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 197 in Bloomington; he retired from the Town of Normal in 1995 after 18 years as an electrical inspector; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Cotton was a member of the Historic St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the church's Altar and Rosary Society; he also volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Cotton was a 4th Degree Knight and past Grand Knight of the Fr. John D. Ring Knights of Columbus

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1 Council 574 in Bloomington; he was also a member of American
2 Legion Post 56 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 454 in
3 Bloomington; and

4 WHEREAS, Howard Cotton was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs,
5 Chicago Bears, and Notre Dame; he also enjoyed golfing and
6 bowling; and

7 WHEREAS, Howard Cotton was preceded in death by his wife,
8 Mary Catherine; 2 brothers; and 2 sisters; and

9 WHEREAS, Howard Cotton is survived by 4 daughters, Kimberly
10 (Curt) Smith, Diane Siron, Julia (Edgar) Duvall, and Mary D.
11 Cotton; 2 sons, Pat Cotton and David (Karin) Cotton; 7
12 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and his special friend
13 and companion of 7 years, Connie Wheeler; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
16 family and friends, mourn the passing of Howard J. Cotton; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Howard Cotton as an expression of
20 our sympathy.