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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 Joseph Mortier of Moline, who passed away on July 25, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Mortier was born on March 3, 1925 in Moline; his parents were Oscar and Emily (nee Mestdagt) Mortier; he married Patricia Runge Wilson on April 19, 1947 at Sacred Heart Church in Moline; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Mortier was inducted into the United States Navy in June of 1943; he served on the USS Quincy, where Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt met Joseph Stalin for the signing of the Yalta Treaty; his campaigns included the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign, Occupational Services in Japan, where he was docked in Tokyo Bay when the surrender papers were signed, and the Atlantic and Pacific Campaigns; his ship was the first to fire at the beaches at Normandy on D-Day; he was honorably discharged from the service in March of 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Mortier graduated from Moline High School; after his discharge from the military, he attended DeVry Technical School in Chicago; he later attended Moline Community College and graduated from Western Illinois University in

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1 Macomb, where he earned his master's + 30 degree; and

2 WHEREAS, Joseph Mortier was employed as a teacher at John
3 Deere Junior High for 32 years and later worked at Moline High
4 School; he also held a journeyman's card in printing; and

5 WHEREAS, Joseph Mortier was a member of Sacred Heart Church
6 in Moline, the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, the Milan
7 Rifle Club, and the Scott County Sportsman's Gun Club, where he
8 was the State Champion Skeet Shooter in 1983; he was also an
9 instructor for 55 Alive and founded the Moline Archery Club at
10 Moline Community College; and

11 WHEREAS, Joseph Mortier was preceded in death by his
12 parents; a brother, Walter Mortier; and 3 children, John
13 Michael, Christopher Paul, and Marcia Dawn Mortier; and

14 WHEREAS, Joseph Mortier is survived by his wife, Pat; 2
15 children, Mark Joseph Mortier and Melanie Beth (Scott)
16 Verstraete; 7 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
20 family and friends, mourn the passing of Joseph Mortier; and be
21 it further

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