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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 D. Neale Hanley of Pekin, who passed away on July 26, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Neale Hanley was born in Streator on January 4, 1940 to Dr. Deloss Reed and Lodema Helen (Brown) Hanley; he graduated from Streator Township High School in 1958 and married Nancy Carolyn Willey on June 10, 1961 at First United Methodist Church in Mattoon; he graduated from Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas in 1936 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration; he was a member of the Beta Tau Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity; in 1964, he graduated from the Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago; he later married Patricia G. (Lambert) Weiland on September 26, 1993 at St. John's (Sand Prairie) Lutheran Church in rural Green Valley; and

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WHEREAS, For the past 50 years, Neale Hanley was the funeral director and owner of Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory in Pekin; he and his family opened a second funeral home location in Creve Coeur in 1973; they expanded the Pekin home in 2001, added a crematory facility in 2009, and established the Prairie Haven Cemetery on Veterans Drive in Pekin during the summer of 2013; while under his leadership,

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1 the funeral home was recognized and inducted into the National
2 Funeral Directors Association - Hall of Excellence in 2012; and

3 WHEREAS, Neale Hanley was a Pekin resident since 1965; he
4 was an active and longtime member of the Pekin Chapter of
5 AMBUCS, serving as President in from 1974 to 1975 and as
6 Chairman of the annual charity auction in 1985; he was a
7 49-year member of Empire Lodge 126, Ancient Free & Accepted
8 Masons in Pekin; Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Peoria; and
9 Irin Grotto in Pekin; he also was a longtime member of the
10 Creve Coeur Lions Club, Pekin Elks Lodge 1271, Pekin Moose
11 Family Center 916, and the Pekin Country Club; he was a
12 faithful supporter of the United Way of Pekin and many
13 community causes; and

14 WHEREAS, Neale Hanley was a devoted member of Grace United
15 Methodist Church in Pekin, where he had served the church as
16 Chairman of the property committee and as a past President of
17 the United Methodist Men; he also attended worship and Sunday
18 school at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Green Valley with
19 his wife; and

20 WHEREAS, Neale Hanley loved his family and was proud of and
21 appreciated his work family; he enjoyed travel, spending time
22 with friends, and keeping up with his grandchildren; he
23 especially enjoyed the camaraderie and friendship with his

1 bridge club and the "Nameless" luncheon group; and

2 WHEREAS, Neale Hanley was preceded in death by his first
3 wife, Nancy; his parents; and his daughter, Laura Estelle
4 Hanley; and

5 WHEREAS, Neale Hanley is survived by his wife, Patricia;
6 his twin sons, Charles R. Hanley and D. Neale "Buster" (Joely)
7 Hanley, II; his daughter, Tamzon W. "Tammie" (David) Vocatura;
8 his stepson, Eric Weiland; his 5 grandchildren, Tyler Reed
9 Hanley, Preston R. Hanley, Megan N. Hanley, Caroline R.
10 Vocatura, and Emily E. Vocatura; his brother, Dr. James C.
11 Hanley; his niece, Maureen A. (Jason) Setley; his grandniece,
12 Adair Setley; and his 3 sisters-in-law, Elma Chrestenson,
13 Bonnie (Jim) Boyd, and Connie (Bruce) Binkley; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 D. Neale Hanley, and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Neale Hanley as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.