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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 Menke Henry Franzen of rural Rantoul, who passed away on August 2, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Menke Franzen was born on October 9, 1919 in Champaign County; his parents were Henry and Anna (nee Osterbur) Franzen; he married Margaret Kathryn Albers on March 17, 1940 in Champaign County; and

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WHEREAS, Menke Franzen was employed as a deputy sheriff in Champaign County for 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Menke Franzen was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Flatville, where he was president of the Luther League and served as deacon for 4 years; he served on Flatville Parish Hall building committee; he also served as treasurer for 14 years and as president of the Lutheran Brotherhood; and

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WHEREAS, Menke Franzen served his community in many capacities; he helped organize the Rantoul Little League under Mayor Hap Parker, where he served as an officer for 4 years and president for 2 years; he played baseball for the Flatville Eastern Illinois League for 14 years; he was president of Gifford Elevator for 15 years; he was president of the Gifford

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1 Lions Club; he also served as drainage commissioner for 30  
2 years, precinct committeeman for Compromise Township,  
3 treasurer for Champaign County Law Enforcement, a council  
4 member of Garden of Peace Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg,  
5 Florida, property chairman for 2 years, and a member of the  
6 Rantoul Moose Lodge; and

7 WHEREAS, Menke Franzen was preceded in death by his wife,  
8 Margaret, and a sister, Thea Suits; and

9 WHEREAS, Menke Franzen is survived by 4 children, Gary  
10 (Beverly) Franzen, Gayle (Peggy) Franzen, Kathleen (John)  
11 Swanson, and Todd (Pam) Franzen; 10 grandchildren; and 19  
12 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
15 family and friends, mourn the passing of Menke Henry Franzen;  
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Menke Franzen as an expression of  
19 our sympathy.