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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 Kenneth E. "Ken" Kelley of Coal Valley, who passed away on October 2, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Kelley was born in Lead Hill, Arkansas on June 13, 1920 to William Edward and Maudeline Wilson Kelley; he married Gertrude "Velma" Roberts on January 10, 1942 in Harrison and served in the United States Army during World War II under General Patton; he was a prisoner of war and escaped; he received the Purple Heart medal; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Kelley was a machine operator at Alcoa, retiring in 1985 after 30 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Kelley enjoyed bluegrass music; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Kelley was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Velma; his daughters, Sue Neal and Melba Crampton; his grandson, Billy Joe Kelley; his sisters, Clydine and Bonnie; and his brother, Hubert; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Kelley is survived by his daughter, Brenda (Milton) DeShane; his son, Gary (Sherry) Kelley; his 13 grandchildren; his 21 great-grandchildren; his 16

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1 great-great-grandchildren; his sister, Willadean (Jim) Pogue;
2 and his brother, Kirby (Sue) Kelley; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Kenneth E. "Ken" Kelley, and extend our sincere condolences to
6 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Ken Kelley as an expression of our
10 deepest sympathy.