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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 Charles M. Walker of Catlin, who passed away on September 19, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Walker was born on December 10, 1927 in Mize, Mississippi; his parents were Charles Green and Molly Little Walker; he married Gladys Forbes on October 1, 1948 in Shaw, Mississippi; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Walker volunteered for the United States Navy at the age of 17; he served on a tanker transporting fuel from California to aircraft carriers and air bases in the South Pacific, China, the Aleutian Islands, Attu, Adak, Kodiak, and Anchorage, Alaska; he later served at new bases in Yokohama, Nagasaki, and Tokyo; he was discharged from the Navy in 1947 and began farming; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Walker graduated from an agricultural college under the GI Bill while farming; in 1955, he began working for Tennaco, a cross country pipeline company; in 1959, they transferred him to Danville and, while there, he made Catlin his home; in 1967, he founded Walker Real Estate in Danville; he continued working full time up until his passing; and

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1 WHEREAS, Charles Walker was a Real Estate Managing Broker
2 for the State of Illinois; he was a member of the Danville Area
3 Board of Realtors from 1975 until his passing and served on
4 numerous committees throughout the years; he was also a member
5 of the Farmland Institute and Realtor Land Institute and the
6 National, State, and Local Association of Realtors and was a
7 certified residential Real Estate Appraiser; and

8 WHEREAS, Charles Walker was a member of Calvary Baptist
9 Church, where he taught Sunday school, and served on various
10 committees and boards; he served as the treasurer for Vermilion
11 County Museum and was a member of the Catlin Lions Club,
12 Gideon's, the Danville Noon Kiwanis, and the Catlin Historical
13 Society; he was also a member of the Homebuilders Association,
14 Toastmasters, and the Christian Home for Youth; and

15 WHEREAS, Charles Walker was a past Catlin Citizen of the
16 Year; and

17 WHEREAS, Charles Walker was preceded in death by his wife,
18 Gladys; his parents; 4 brothers; 2 sisters; and his grandson,
19 Chase; and

20 WHEREAS, Charles Walker is survived by his son, Cullen Z.
21 (Constance) Walker; his daughter, Pam (Bill) Nave; his sister,

1 Winnie Walker; his grandchildren, Chad Boyd, Cale (Jody) Boyd,
2 Heather (Chris) Rabkin, Faithe (Rob) Collins, Charlie (April)
3 Walker, and Cody (Miranda) Walker; and his 17
4 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
7 family and friends, mourn the passing of Charles M. Walker; and
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Charles Walker as an expression of
11 our sympathy.