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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 Vernon Thomas Kopsell of Woodstock, who passed away on October 24, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Vernon Kopsell was born in Woodstock on September 25, 1925 to George and Lillian (nee Wilson) Kopsell; he finished 8th grade and went on to the Washburne Trade School in Chicago; he enlisted in the United States Army at 16 and was stationed in the Pacific during World War II with the 503rd Parachute RCT Association; he also served as a Liaison Pilot during this time; he returned home on December 25, 1945; he married Barbara Fuchs in Bakersfield, California on December 16, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Vernon Kopsell was a very skillful and creative plaster and bricklayer; his handiwork can be found around McHenry County as well as the Chicagoland area; and

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WHEREAS, Vernon Kopsell was a founding member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars; he did volunteer work at McHenry County Historical Society and loved to read biographies and watch westerns; he enjoyed feeding the birds, old cars, airplanes, and taking care of his garden; and

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1 WHEREAS, Vernon Kopsell was preceded in death by his wife,
2 "My Barbara"; his mother and father; his sisters, Florence and
3 Lucille; and his brother, Kenneth; and

4 WHEREAS, Vernon Kopsell is survived by his daughters, Judy
5 Kopsell and Janice (Danny) Schroeder; his grandchildren, Julie
6 Morse, Andy (Ellen) Schroeder, and Jessica Schroeder; his
7 great-grandchildren, AJ Schroeder, Ian Morse, James Morse,
8 Gabbie Morse, and Alena Schroeder; and his siblings, Clarence
9 Kopsell, George Kopsell, Jim Kopsell, Bill Kopsell, Don
10 Kopsell, Dorothy Gibson, Darlene Gathman, Barb Murray, and
11 Linda Levan; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Vernon Thomas Kopsell, and extend our sincere condolences to
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

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