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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 Merwin Perry Baker of East Moline, who passed away on January 3, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Merwin Baker was born in East Moline on February 22, 1926 to Commodore Perry and Barbara Findley Baker; he served as a radio operator on a ship in the United States Navy during World War II, seeing action at Imo Jima; he married Margaret Larson at St. Johns Catholic Church in Rapids City on October 19, 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Merwin Baker retired from International Harvester in East Moline after over 34 years in 1978; he also worked at Flicks Plumbing for many years; and

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WHEREAS, Merwin Baker was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in East Moline and American Legion Post 227; and

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WHEREAS, Merwin Baker was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Helena Eckert; his brother, Kenneth Baker; his son, Steve Baker; and his grandson, Paul Baker; and

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WHEREAS, Merwin Baker is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Margaret; his children, Linda (Jeff) Vaughn, Kathleen

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1 McIntosh (Jim Turner), Marcia Allen, Christine Baker (Don  
2 "Speedy" Williams), Denise Baker, Daniel Baker (Pammy Gomez),  
3 Marty Baker, Pamela Baker, Paula Baker, and Sandra (Floyd)  
4 Cordova; he has 18 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and a  
5 great-great-grandson; therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Merwin Perry Baker, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
10 further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Merwin Baker as an expression of our  
13 deepest sympathy.