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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 Perry Dean Mason of Rock Island, who passed away on February 7, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Perry Mason was born on December 22, 1926 in Dallas-Melcher, Iowa; his parents were Theron S. and Sybil B. Moon Mason; he married Marjorie Lea Glaspell on June 21, 1947 in Davenport, Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, Perry Mason graduated from Augustana College in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; and

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WHEREAS, Perry Mason worked as a reporter-photographer at the Rock Island Argus from 1952 to 1965; he then served as the director of publications at Augustana College until his retirement in 1991; and

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WHEREAS, Perry Mason was a member of the United States Navy during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, During his school years, Perry Mason was the spelling champion of Marion County, Iowa; he was an excellent photographer, winning awards for his journalistic photography; he also loved to sing and had a wonderful baritone voice; at

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1 the age of 52, he ran the Boston Marathon; and

2 WHEREAS, Perry Mason was preceded in death by his son,
3 Scott Douglas Mason, and his brother, Eldon Mason; and

4 WHEREAS, Perry Mason is survived by his wife, Marjorie; his
5 daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela Anne Mason (Galen Tromble)
6 and Cynthia Lea (Don "Buz") Gibson; and his grandchildren,
7 Rebecca Coatney (Noah Newman), Robert (Erin) Coatney, Gabbie
8 Gibson, Caroline (Marc) Hobbs, and Audrey Gibson; therefore, be
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10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
12 family and friends, mourn the passing of Perry Dean Mason; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Perry Mason as an expression of our
16 sympathy.