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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Calvin Franklin "Cal" Ennis, who passed
4 away on March 6, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Calvin Ennis was born on March 7, 1925 in Alton;
6 his parents were William Zachariah and Viola Ovila Ennis; he
7 married Virginia Moody on December 20, 1947 in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Calvin Ennis attended radio training school
9 before enlisting in the United States Navy; he served during
10 World War II aboard the USS Bluefish; and

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WHEREAS, Calvin Ennis was a member of Veterans of Foreign
12 Wars Post 1308 and enjoyed attending the weekly meetings of his
13 PTSD Group at Jefferson Barracks; he was a member of Brown
14 Street Baptist Church, where he sang in the choir and served as
15 a Deacon and a Sunday school teacher for the young married
16 couples class; as a woodworker, he volunteered his skills to
17 the church where needed, including making cabinets for the
18 church; he later became a member of Heartland Baptist Church
19 and served as an usher and built the wooden cross which hangs
20 behind the choir; he also used his woodworking skills to build
21 props for the Showtime Productions Dance Studio in Alton; and

1 WHEREAS, Calvin Ennis was preceded in death by his parents;
2 his stepfather, Frederick "Joe" Burger; his sons, William
3 Dwight and Calvin Brady Ennis; his son-in-law, David Wayne
4 Laslie; and his sisters, Imogene (Ennis) Billings and Martha
5 (Burger) Cunningham; and

6 WHEREAS, Calvin Ennis is survived by his wife, Virginia;
7 his daughters, Barbara J. (Ennis) Laslie and Paulette Janine
8 Ennis; his grandchildren, David Laslie (Christopher Roberts)
9 and Shaun T. (Laura) Laslie; and his great-grandchildren,
10 Caden, Alaina, and Abigail Laslie; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Calvin Franklin "Cal"
14 Ennis; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Calvin Ennis as an expression of our
17 sympathy.