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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 Louis "Merritt" Goddard, Jr. of Moline, who passed away on March 6, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Louis Goddard, Jr. was born on February 4, 1923 in Moline; his parents were Louis Merritt and Madeline Lynch Goddard, Sr.; he married Georgia Ann Slater on September 19, 1942 at Memorial Christian Church in Rock Island; and

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WHEREAS, Louis Goddard, Jr. served in the United States Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1945 in the South Pacific; he then served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1945 until 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Louis Goddard, Jr. graduated from Rock Island High School; on January 28, 1946, he began his pattern maker apprenticeship at John Deere Plow Works; after becoming a journeyman, he worked as a salaried employee before returning to the Quad-Cities to work for the John Deere Planter Works in 1964; he worked as an advanced engineering analyst for John Deere Harvester in Moline for 38 years until his retirement on February 28, 1982; after his retirement, he and his wife spent their time traveling and fishing; and

1 WHEREAS, Louis Goddard, Jr. was a member of the Pattern
2 Makers League of North America, the American Foundry Society,
3 and the Plus 60 Club; and

4 WHEREAS, Louis Goddard, Jr. enjoyed woodworking, fishing,
5 playing cards, working puzzles, and spending time with his
6 daughters and his grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Louis Goddard, Jr. was preceded in death by his
8 parents; his wife, Georgia Ann; his brother; and his sister;
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10 WHEREAS, Louis Goddard, Jr. is survived by his daughters,
11 Patty Stinson, Rebecca (Russ) Carlyle, and Jane (Glenn)
12 Piliponis; his nine grandchildren; his 17 great-grandchildren;
13 his ten great-great-grandchildren; and his brother, Raymond;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
17 family and friends, mourn the passing of Louis "Merritt"
18 Goddard, Jr.; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Louis Goddard, Jr. as an expression
21 of our sympathy.