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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 Jay L. "Jack" Barnard of Moline, who passed away on May 7, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Jay Barnard was born in Moline to Jay and Edna Sleight Barnard on October 9, 1919; he served in the United States Army on the Japanese front during World War II from 1941 through 1945 as a Master Sergeant; he returned home on Armistice Day; he married Virginia M. Martin on July 19, 1947 and they moved into a cabin home on the Rock River, and later, a new home at the same location, completing all of the interior work himself; and

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WHEREAS, Jay Barnard retired from John Deere Harvester Works in 1977, where he worked as a general manager for more than 38 years; and

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WHEREAS, Jay Barnard was a lifelong member of the Antique Outboard Association; he loved restoring and collecting antique boat motors; he was a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association and was a master marksman; he competed in numerous competitions and spent many weekends at the gun range; he earned the title of Wisconsin State Pistol Champion and was a member of the Milan Rifle Club; he was an avid fisherman,

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1 canoe builder, and loved life on the water; if it was not at  
2 the Rock River, it was at their lakeside vacation home in  
3 Minnesota; he enjoyed spending time with his family and enjoyed  
4 watching his three grandchildren grow up; he loved reading Tom  
5 Clancy, history, and technical books; and

6 WHEREAS, Jay Barnard and his wife spent a great deal of  
7 time canoeing and traveling to Panama, Alaska, Florida, Arizona  
8 and numerous other places, but their favorite places were  
9 always the cabin in Minnesota and their home on the Rock River;  
10 he loved having his grandchildren at the cabin during the  
11 summer and taught his grandsons shooting and fishing; they both  
12 cherished their granddaughter; and

13 WHEREAS, Jay Barnard was preceded in death by his parents;  
14 his wife of 67 years, Virginia; his sister, Barbara Barnard  
15 Paul; and his daughter-in-law, Jan; and

16 WHEREAS, Jay Barnard is survived by his two sons, Dana  
17 Barnard and Robert (Kim) Barnard; his three grandchildren,  
18 Austin (Tiffany) Barnard, Grant Barnard, and Kinsley Barnard;  
19 over 30 nieces and nephews; and many friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
22 Jay L. "Jack" Barnard, and extend our sincere condolences to

1 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
2 further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Jay Barnard as an expression of our  
5 deepest sympathy.