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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 Wilbert Henry Gerrish of Woodstock, who passed away on August 7, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Wilbert Gerrish was born in Chicago to Karlton and Clara (Parnitke) Gerrish on May 7, 1929; he joined the United States Army at 17 and served during the Korean War; he married Jeanette Watts; and

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WHEREAS, Wilbert Gerrish was a 12-year resident of Rogers Park; he moved to McHenry for 20 years and then to Woodstock in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Wilbert Gerrish owned and operated a Chicago restaurant for two years; he spent 15 years as a Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus driver, 12 years as a CTA motorman, and seven years as a CTA motorman instructor; and

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WHEREAS, Wilbert Gerrish enjoyed World War II history and collecting soldier figurines; he and his wife were avid square dancers and members of the Woodstock Squares; and

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WHEREAS, Wilbert Gerrish was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Helen, Naomi, and James Gerrish; and his

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1 stepchildren, Anne Carpenter and Laura Von Hoffen; and

2 WHEREAS, Wilbert Gerrish is survived by his wife, Jeanette;  
3 his three children, Kevin (Linda) Gerrish, Ellen (Dave) Holst,  
4 and Ann (Jeff) McGinnis; his stepchildren, William Von Hoffen,  
5 Ruth Minarcik, Cathy Holms, Robert Von Hoffen, and Christine  
6 Claus; his grandchildren, Brian, Nicholas, and Christopher  
7 Chiodo, Sean and Kelly Gerrish, Scott McGinnis, Rachel Holst,  
8 Tracy and Scott Batdorf, Angela and Robert DiNardo, Kyle  
9 Minarcik, and Spencer and Kaitlyn Gonzalez; and three  
10 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Wilbert Henry Gerrish, and extend our sincere condolences to  
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Wilbert Gerrish as an expression of  
18 our deepest sympathy.