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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 George W. "Bud" Benner of Rock Island, who passed away on November 27, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, George Benner was born in Canton on October 26, 1918; he graduated from Plainfield High School in 1936; he served in the United States Marines and married Nelda Chandler on November 30, 1940; and

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WHEREAS, George Benner opened his own garage in Rock Island; he also worked as a truck driver, retiring from Roadway Trucking; and

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WHEREAS, George Benner was a talented stock car racer; he was one of the original drivers on the area oval track; he received the Best Driver and Most Popular Driver trophy many of those years; he and his wife wintered in Florida for 26 years; and

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WHEREAS, George Benner was an avid golfer and fisherman; at age 95, he went skydiving with his grandson, Kirk Smith; he was a lifelong member of the American Legion; he enjoyed taking the World War II Honor Flight in 2014 with his devoted friend, Bill Esser; and

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1           WHEREAS, George Benner was preceded in death by his parents  
2 and his wife of 70 years, Nelda; and

3           WHEREAS, George Benner is survived by his daughters, Nelda  
4 Smith, Carolyne Rogers, and Georgia Benner-Hoggatt; 11  
5 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and six  
6 great-great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
9 George W. "Bub" Benner, and extend our sincere condolences to  
10 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
11 further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of George Benner as an expression of  
14 our deepest sympathy.