

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends  
4 of Thomas B. Ryder, who passed away on October 15, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas B. Ryder was born on August 13, 1919 near  
6 Patterson, Illinois to Joseph W. and Lora Ford Ryder; he  
7 married Helen Wilcox in 1974; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ryder, a lifelong farmer, attended  
9 Roodhouse, Glasgow, and Patterson schools; he was an Army  
10 veteran of World War II, serving for more than three years in  
11 the 343rd Engineer Regiment; he recently received his World  
12 War II medals from former U.S. Senator Bob Dole; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ryder was a member of Glasgow Baptist Church  
14 and Bethel Baptist Church in Jerseyville; he was a member of  
15 the Flying Farmers, served as past president of the  
16 Southwestern School Board of Piasa, as well as serving on the  
17 boards of the Federal Land Bank, the Illini Product Credit  
18 Association, the Jersey County Soil Conservation District and  
19 as trustee of the Williams-Edwards Cemetery Board; he also  
20 showed Tennessee Walking Horses and was a bell ringer for the  
21 Salvation Army; and

22 WHEREAS, The passing of Thomas B. Ryder will be deeply  
23 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,  
24 Helen; his son, Illinois State Representative Tom (wife,  
25 Peggy) Ryder; his daughter, Janet DeLassus; his  
26 grandchildren; his great-grandchild; his brothers, Joe (wife,  
27 Roberta) Ryder and Alfred (wife, Mary Ann) Ryder; and his  
28 sisters, Mary (husband, George) Lashmett, Catherine "Kate"  
29 (husband, Everett) Bowers, and Elizabeth "Sue" (husband,  
30 Oliver) Loy; therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
2 all who knew him, the death of Thomas B. Ryder of Roodhouse,  
3 Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Thomas B. Ryder with our sincere  
6 condolences.