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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 Millard R. "Red" Rakestraw, formerly of McHenry, who passed away on February 13, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Millard Rakestraw was born in Mineral to Millard F. and Minnie Rakestraw on January 25, 1929; he married Ruth A. Lamer on February 10, 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Millard Rakestraw worked initially as a farmer and then as a mechanic; farmers entering tractor pull competitions will remember him as the mechanic to hire to get the most out of their tractors; and

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WHEREAS, Millard Rakestraw and his wife moved to Stanford, Kentucky in July of 2011; he was a member of St. William Catholic Church in Lancaster, Kentucky; and

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WHEREAS, Millard Rakestraw was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Donald and Dale; his sisters, Katherine and Frances; and his son-in-law, Fred Schmidtgall; and

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WHEREAS, Millard Rakestraw is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruth; his son, Michael Rakestraw; his daughters, Peggy (Paul) Waldoch, and Patricia Schmidtgall; his grandchildren,

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1 Michael (Kelsey), Paul and Luke Rakestraw, Melissa (Kyle)
2 Snelten, Nicole Waldoch, Rebecca (Steve) Smith, and Lisa
3 (Jerald) Donegan; his great-grandchildren, Kaleb, JJ, Fiona,
4 Jeremiah, Katie Marie, and the much anticipated, Cora Isabella
5 Smith, and Baby Rakestraw; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Millard R. "Red" Rakestraw, and extend our sincere condolences
9 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Millard Rakestraw as an expression
13 of our deepest sympathy.