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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 Elmo Ricci of West Frankfort, who passed away on April 13, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Elmo Ricci was born on October 6, 1920, in Johnston City; his parents were Domenico and Isolena Hazel Bondi Ricci; he married Jean Marcella Webster in 1952; and

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WHEREAS, In January of 1942, Elmo Ricci enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps; he served in World War II as an airplane armorer/gunner in a B-25 plane; during his time with the Army Air Corps, he took part in campaigns in the South Philippines, New Guinea, Luzon, and air combat over Borneo; he was awarded 4 Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Air Medal for his service; and

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WHEREAS, Elmo Ricci graduated from Johnston City High School in 1939; he earned his master's degree in education from Southern Illinois University in 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Elmo Ricci had a long and distinguished career in education; in the fall of 1953, he began his teaching career at Fairfield Community High School (FCHS); during his tenure at FCHS, he taught drafting, mechanical drawing, and orientation;

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1 he also served as the cross country, football, and golf coach;  
2 he served at FCHS faithfully for 31 years until his retirement  
3 in 1984; he also taught at Hurst-Bush for 2 years and at  
4 Johnston City for 2 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Elmo Ricci was a member and a former deacon of the  
6 First Christian Church in West Frankfort; he was also a member  
7 of the Lions Club and the American Legion for 56 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Elmo Ricci was preceded in death by his parents;  
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10 WHEREAS, Elmo Ricci is survived by his sons, Terry Ricci  
11 and Tim Ricci and his wife, Debbie; and his grandchildren,  
12 Chelcee Brown and her husband, Lance, and Lacey Breeden and her  
13 husband, Andrew; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16 his family and friends, the passing of Elmo Ricci; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Elmo Ricci as an expression of our  
20 sympathy.