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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 Joseph P. Spears of Hanna City, who passed away on October 8, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Spears was born on February 20, 1953 in Peoria to Joseph W. and Theresa I. (nee Fitzpatrick) Spears; he married Sue Kowalski on August 16, 1986 in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Spears was a patrolman for the Peoria Police Department for over 35 years, retiring in 2012; after retirement, he worked for Sherwin-Williams and Green Finish Line Ford; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Spears coached and taught at Owens Center Ice Rink for over 10 years and was coordinator for the Peoria Mini-Mites Youth Hockey Program; he enjoyed watching the Chicago Blackhawks, woodworking, being outdoors, riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and being with his family; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Spears was preceded in death by his parents and his sister-in-law, Regina Spears; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Spears is survived by his wife, Sue; his daughters, Becky (David) Burke and Devan Spears; his son, Joey

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1 Spears; his granddaughter, Kennedy Burke; his brothers, Jim
2 Spears, Bill (Deb) Spears, Bob Spears, Mike (Julie) Spears, Pat
3 (Cindy) Spears, and Tom (Angie) Spears; and 35 nieces and
4 nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Joseph P. Spears, and extend our sincere condolences to his
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Joseph Spears as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.