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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Billy G. Goessman, who passed away on
4 November 8, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Billy Goessman was born on January 4, 1927 in Ina;
6 his parents were Gale and Pearl (nee Clinton) Goessman; he
7 married Lorene Quertermous on December 10, 1949 in Waukegan;
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WHEREAS, Billy Goessman was a graduate of East Alton Wood
10 River High School, where he played on the football team and
11 basketball team for Chick Summers; and

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WHEREAS, As a teenager, Billy Goessman worked after school
13 in his parents' grocery store in East Alton; as a young adult,
14 he built tanks at Amoco refinery before becoming a police
15 officer; in his retirement years, he served as a ranger at Belk
16 Park Golf Course; and

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WHEREAS, Billy Goessman served his country as a member of
18 the United States Army's 93rd Bomb Squadron in the South
19 Pacific during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Billy Goessman served as an Illinois State Trooper

1 for 25 years, retiring at the rank of sergeant; he also used
2 his expertise to teach classes at the Illinois State Police
3 Headquarters and Belleville Area College Police Academy; and

4 WHEREAS, Billy Goessman was a lifetime member of the Wood
5 River Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2859 and a longtime member
6 of the Wood River Moose Lodge #1349; he was also a member of
7 the Fraternal Order of Police; and

8 WHEREAS, Billy Goessman enjoyed watching Illinois
9 basketball, reading, and spending time with his family and
10 friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Billy Goessman was preceded in death by his
12 parents and his brother, Jack Goessman; and

13 WHEREAS, Billy Goessman is survived by his wife, Lorene;
14 his daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Bob Maguire; his son
15 and daughter-in-law, Max and Marsha Goessman; his
16 grandchildren, Lauren Maguire and Lenon (Angie) Maguire; his
17 great-granddaughter, Darcy Maguire; and his sister, Joyce
18 Jones; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
21 family and friends, mourn the passing of Billy G. Goessman; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Billy Goessman as an expression of
4 our sympathy.