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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 John C. "Jack" Rain of Alton, who passed away on January 7, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, John Rain was born on September 25, 1923; he was the son of the late Clifford C. and Eleanor (nee Rice) Rain; he married the former Betty M. (nee Benz) Haycraft on December 27, 1946 in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, John Rain graduated from Alton High School; he subsequently graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity; and

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WHEREAS, John Rain served as a staff sergeant in the United States Army during World War II; he was captured during the Battle of the Bulge on December 23, 1944 and remained imprisoned until April 4, 1945; and

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WHEREAS, John Rain was the co-owner of the family grocery store, Rain and Rain Grocery; he began working at the store at age 8 and continued working until his retirement in 1989; and

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WHEREAS, John Rain was a longtime member of Elm Street Presbyterian Church, where he served as a deacon and elder; he

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1 was also a member of College Avenue Presbyterian Church in  
2 Alton; and

3 WHEREAS, John Rain was a member of the A-Men Group of Alton  
4 High School, the Alton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1308, the  
5 Shriners International, and a founding member of the North  
6 Alton Business Men Group (now the North Alton Godfrey Business  
7 Council); and

8 WHEREAS, John Rain was preceded in death by his parents;  
9 his daughter-in-law, Kathie Rain; and his brother, William  
10 "Bill" Rain; and

11 WHEREAS, John Rain is survived by his wife, Betty; his  
12 sons, John C. Rain, Jr. and Daniel C. Rain; his grandchildren,  
13 Rachel (Nick) Catanzaro and John Clifford Rain III; his  
14 great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Noah Catanzaro; and his  
15 sister-in-law, Nadine Rain; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
18 family and friends, mourn the passing of John C. "Jack" Rain;  
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of John Rain as an expression of our

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