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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of William T. Cox of Geneva, who passed away on May 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, William Cox was born on January 6, 1922 in Rock Island; his parents were Tracy W. and Hazel (nee Scott) Cox; he married Ethel Williams on January 24, 1942 in Davenport, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, In 1937, William Cox joined the United States Marine Corps, serving until 1939 when he was honorably discharged; he also served in the United States Navy SeaBees from 1943 through 1945 at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, William Cox and his family moved to Geneva in 1956 when he accepted a job with Burgess-Norton; during his long career with Burgess-Norton, he worked as a metallurgist and developed the hardening agent DH-5; he worked at Burgess-Norton from 1955 until his retirement in 1989; and

WHEREAS, William Cox was a life member of Masonic Trinity Lodge #208 in Davenport, the American Legion Post #75 in Geneva, and the American Society of Metals; he also contributed many hours to the Kane County Sheriff's Patrol; and

1           WHEREAS, William Cox was preceded in death by his wife,  
2 Ethel; his parents; and a sister; and

3           WHEREAS, William Cox is survived by his children, David  
4 (Lois) Cox and Billie Cox; 5 grandchildren, Matthew (Jennifer)  
5 Cox, Patrick (Amber) Cox, Terra Cox, Renee Lightburn, and  
6 Tracey Lightburn; 3 great-grandchildren, Lindsay, Evan, and  
7 Joslynn; a brother, Carl (Donna); and a brother-in-law, Sam  
8 (Karen) Williams; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
11 family and friends, mourn the passing of William T. Cox; and be  
12 it further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of William Cox as an expression of our  
15 sympathy.