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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 Dearl Morris of Peoria, who passed away on September 29, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Dearl Morris was born in Grantsburg on December 19, 1926 to Roy E. and Minnie V. (nee Nelson) Morris; he served in the United States Navy during World War II; he married Norma M. Saltsman in Peoria on July 5, 1947; after the passing of his first wife, he married Julia G. Smith on September 23, 1989 in Chillicothe; and

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WHEREAS, Dearl Morris worked for Caterpillar, Inc. for 40 years, retiring in February of 1985 as the Worldwide Foodservice Manager; in recognition of his excellence in the foodservice industry, he was awarded the prestigious Silver Plate Award from the International Foodservice Manufacturers Association on May 22, 1978; he was also a founding member of the Heart of Illinois Restaurant Association; and

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WHEREAS, After retirement, Dearl Morris continued his hobby of making homemade chocolates for friends and family; his expertise and creativity became known in the Peoria area over the years, and in December of 2005 he was featured in a Peoria Journal Star article naming him "Peoria's Candyman"; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dearl Morris was preceded in death by his parents;
2 his first wife, Norma; his second wife, Julia; 2 brothers,
3 Hartsel E. Morris and Covel E. Morris; and one sister, Jewel A.
4 Street; and

5 WHEREAS, Dearl Morris is survived by one son, Dearl E.
6 "Skip" (Paula) Morris; one step-son, Ross (Linda) Smith; 2
7 step-daughters, Laura (Len) Berg and Cindy (Dan) Erickson; 2
8 granddaughters; 4 step-granddaughters; 3 step-grandsons; and 2
9 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Dearl Morris, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
13 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Dearl Morris as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.