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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 Harold Eugene "Gene" Dixon of rural Mount Sterling, who passed away on March 21, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Dixon was born in Quincy on June 23, 1936 to Edwin Albert and Lydia Ann Dorsey Dixon; he attended Grove School and graduated from Brown County High School in 1954; he married Carlene Marrisco Husted on June 26, 1955 at the Presbyterian Church in Mount Sterling; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Dixon traveled the tri-state area for Burrus Seed Farms, where he was regional sales manager for 35 years; he also worked as sales representative for Bowes Seal Fast; he hauled livestock for hire and operated his own auctioneer business; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Dixon showed hogs and sheep at the Brown County Fair throughout his grade school and high school years and served as Section 13 Vice-President of his Future Farmers of America chapter; in the mid-1950s, he became interested in judging tractor pulls and was in charge of the first pull held at the Brown County Fair; in 1959, he began serving on the fair board, and, in 1984, he was named fair board President and continued as its leader for another 30 years until he retired

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1 in 2013; in 2008, he received the Illinois County Fair Person
2 of the Year Award; he served for almost 20 years on the
3 Illinois Tractor Pullers Association Board, 9 of those years as
4 President; he raised Standardbred horses and enjoyed watching
5 them compete; and

6 WHEREAS, Gene Dixon served in many capacities, including
7 with the Brown County School Board, the Farm Bureau, the Perry
8 Cemetery Board, the Elkhorn Township Clerk, and Little League;
9 he was also a member of the Hardin Lodge No. 44 Ancient Free &
10 Accepted Masons, the Quincy Consistory, and the Shriners;
11 earlier in life, he was a member of the Perry Methodist Church,
12 and for the last 60 years, he was a devoted member of the Mount
13 Sterling Presbyterian Church of Christ, where he served as
14 elder; he served on the Mount Sterling Farmers State Bank and
15 Trust Board of Directors for many years; and

16 WHEREAS, Gene Dixon loved taking his family mushroom
17 hunting in the woods and teaching them to fish with a cane
18 pole; and

19 WHEREAS, Gene Dixon was preceded in death by his parents;
20 his brother, Jon Dixon; and his brother-in-law, Edward Husted;
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22 WHEREAS, Gene Dixon is survived by his wife of almost 60

1 years, Carlene; his 3 children, Linda A. Dixon, Rhonda J.
2 Jachino, and Michael (Angela) Dixon; his 4 grandchildren, Jared
3 M. Jachino, Andrea J. Jachino, Regan A. Dixon, and Rylan M.
4 Dixon; his sister-in-law, Sharon Dixon; and several nieces and
5 nephews; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Harold Eugene "Gene" Dixon, and extend our sincere condolences
9 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Gene Dixon as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.