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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 Ralph W. Burkhead of Canon City, Colorado, formerly of Rock Island, who passed away on October 14, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Burkhead was born October 15, 1924 in Kalamazoo, Michigan; his parents were Fred and Dorothy Timm Burkhead; he married Lorna McDougall on July 16, 1949 in Ottawa; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Burkhead was a World War II United States Marine Corps veteran; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Burkhead retired as a line supervisor from Illinois Bell Telephone, where he worked for 36 years; he also worked part-time for the Reynolds Phone Company, of which he was a part owner; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Burkhead was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Rock Island and the Telephone Pioneers of America; he was an accomplished fast pitch softball pitcher and played well into his 70's; he also enjoyed camping, working in the yard, and washing cars; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ralph Burkhead was preceded in death by his wife,
2 Lorna; his parents; and his brothers, Edward and Jerome
3 Burkhead; and

4 WHEREAS, Ralph Burkhead is survived by his children, Sherry
5 Tonish, Daniel (Jan) Burkhead, Lynette (Scott) Grabau, Scot
6 Burkhead (fiancee, Regina Cimino), and Laurie Burkhead; his
7 grandchildren, Shawn (Tonia) Sutton, Ryan Sutton, Emily
8 Tonish, Zach (Amanda) Burkhead, Sam Burkhead, Kimberly Grabau,
9 and Tony Grabau; his great-grandchildren, Breezyn and Lily
10 Sutton and Kayden Burkhead; his sister, Joan Hancks; his
11 brother, David Burkhead; and his sister-in-law, Edith Brown;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
15 family and friends, mourn the passing of Ralph W. Burkhead; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Ralph Burkhead as an expression of
19 our sympathy.