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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 James E. Blair of Erie, who passed away on July 31, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, James Blair was born in rural Scott County to James Harlie and Flora Belle Walker Blair on March 11, 1928; he served in the United States Marine Corps during both World War II and the Korean War; he married Jean Ann Rose at Erie Baptist Church on May 23, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, James Blair worked in various industries, including 27 years at John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline as a millwright; he was a commercial sign painter and artist and mechanic; and

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WHEREAS, James Blair's hobbies included woodworking, general carpentry, and electrical projects; for many years, he helped with the Rose Farm apple business, selling apples and caring for approximately 24 trees; he was involved in building projects and sign painting at King's Camp in Chana and Newton Zion Reformed Church in rural Erie; he was an avid camper and loved spending time with his family and friends at King's Camp; and

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1 WHEREAS, James Blair was a member of Newton Zion Reformed
2 Church, where he served as an elder and deacon; he served on
3 the board at his church, Resthove Home in Morrison, and King's
4 Camp; he served as a troop leader for the Erie Boy Scout Troop
5 101 and was a United Auto Workers Local 865 member; and

6 WHEREAS, James Blair was preceded in death by his parents;
7 his grandson, Timothy Lofgren; three brothers; and seven
8 sisters; and

9 WHEREAS, James Blair is survived by his wife, Jean Ann
10 Blair; his children, David (Marilyn) Blair, Kathy
11 (Christopher) Lofgren, Carolyn Jean Blair, and Linda (Imad)
12 Al-Suleiman; his grandchildren, David (Lindsie) Blair, Thomas
13 (Angela) Blair, Aaron Blair, Monica (Markus) Underwood, Kelli
14 (Andrew) Beall, Emili (Daniel) Utz, Rebecca Behnami, Matthew
15 Behnami, Mohammed Al-Suleiman, Amirah Al-Suleiman, and
16 Muhanned Al-Suleiman; and six great-grandchildren; therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 James E. Blair, and extend our sincere condolences to his
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of James Blair as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.