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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 Leo F. Williams of Coal Valley, who passed away on December 22, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Leo Williams was born in Sextonville, Wisconsin to Ray and Grace (Fry) Williams on March 4, 1931; he served in the U.S. Navy for four years and married Edith Beard in Buena Vista, Virginia on May 21, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Leo Williams worked at the Federal Aviation Administration for over nine years before going to work at the International Harvester Farmall Plant in Rock Island, where he worked for over 17 years as an induction heat treat engineer; he ended his career after over seven years at the Rock Island Arsenal as an electronic technician; and

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WHEREAS, Leo Williams was a member of Boy Scout Troop #118, the Rock Island County Civil Defense, and the Civil Air Patrol; he was also an amateur radio operator for much of his life and obtained his pilot's license in 1959; he enjoyed radio-controlled model boats and spending time with his family; and

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WHEREAS, Leo Williams was preceded in death by his wife,

1 Edith; infant brother; and his grandson, Matthew Williams; and

2 WHEREAS, Leo Williams is survived by his children, Fred
3 (Aletha) Williams, Patricia (Ronald) Jones, Harry (Tomah)
4 Williams, Linda (Darryl) Rochford, and Robert (Shelley)
5 Williams; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and his
6 sister, Louise Noble; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Leo F. Williams and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Leo Williams as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.