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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 Harrison "Gene" Willis of Vernon Hills, who passed away on September 28, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Willis was born in Ellington, Missouri to George and Grace Willis; he was a World War II veteran and participated in the "Battle of the Bulge" with the 87th Infantry, Golden Acorn Division; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Willis retired from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center as a Chief Crane Operator; he was also a retired Senior Chief Petty Officer in the Naval Reserves; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Willis enjoyed restoring and painting automobiles and was the former Secretary/Treasurer of the Lake County Corvette Club; he also had a passion for painting and signing; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Willis was preceded in death by his first wife, Georgia (nee Shelby) Willis; his second wife, Katherine (nee Corzine) Willis; his parents; and his siblings, Lois, Hazel, Volley, Lewis, and Shirley; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Willis is survived by his children, Joyce

1 (Michael) Wade, Rita (James) Bero, and Steven (Billie Jean)
2 Willis; his grandchildren, Brent (Cynthia) Wade, Eddie (Mindy)
3 Plante, Carson (Brian) Gasner, Dawn Wilkenson, Crystal Willis,
4 Melissa (Joe) Wilkenson-Morzuch, and Shelby (Aaron) Gustman;
5 his 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews;
6 therefore, be it

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

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