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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Bernard "Bernie" Thieben of Chillicothe, 4 who passed away on October 13, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Bernard Thieben was born on November 11, 1932 to
6 H. Bernard and Margaretta (nee Mosher) Thieben; he married
7 Beverly J. Buskirk on April 13, 1963 in Mossville; he served in
8 the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Thieben retired from Caterpillar after 37 years; he was elected Supervisor of Medina Township and served the township community for 36 years; he owned an auto body shop for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Thieben was past president of the Peoria County Township Officials Association; he was chairman of the Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association Board for 12 years and served on the Peoria County Republican Central Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Thieben enjoyed writing poetry; he was an active member of Illinois Masonic Lodge 263 Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Peoria, the Valley of Peoria Scottish Rite, and the Mohammed Shriners of Bartonville, and was a Past Patron

- of the Don Meyer Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of
- 2 Peoria; he was also active in the Independent Order of Odd
- 3 Fellows and the Chillicothe Lions Club; and
- WHEREAS, Bernard Thieben was preceded in death by his
- 5 parents; son, Ricky L. Thieben; and a sister, Adda Alexander;
- 6 and
- WHEREAS, Bernard Thieben is survived by his children,
- 8 Denise Thieben, LeeAnn (Guy) Krulac, Paulette (Jim) Korte,
- 9 James (Betsey) West, Scott L. West, and Bernard H. Thieben
- 10 (Elizabeth McKeever); 18 grandchildren; 11
- 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Margie Turnow; a brother, Bob
- 12 (Cindy) Thieben; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it
- 13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 15 Bernard "Bernie" Thieben, and extend our sincere condolences to
- 16 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 17 further
- 18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 19 presented to the family of Bernard Thieben as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.