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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 Leonard Beetstra, who passed away on September 29, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Leonard Beetstra was born in Harvard on November 8, 1925 to Jacob and Griet Beetstra; he attended White Oaks School and Harvard High School; he served in the United States Navy during World War II as a Seaman First Class aboard the USS Prichett, a Fletcher-class destroyer, and saw action in the Pacific Theater; later in life, he helped organize Prichett reunions and enjoyed many years of attending annual ship's reunions around the country with his fellow sailors; he married Marion Koch in Harvard on June 18, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Leonard Beetstra was a licensed and bonded cattle dealer and was a well-known figure in farming circles throughout the area; and

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WHEREAS, Leonard Beetstra was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Tin Can Sailors; he was also a 66-year member of the First Presbyterian Church of Harvard; and

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WHEREAS, Leonard Beetstra was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his brothers, Bill and Jacob; and by his nephew,  
2 David; and

3 WHEREAS, Leonard Beetstra is survived by his wife of 66  
4 years, Marion; his five children, John (Amy) Beetstra, Melinda  
5 (Gary) Vose, Thomas (Angela) Beetstra, Robert (Julie)  
6 Beetstra, and Karen (Jim) Kruckenberg; his 15 grandchildren;  
7 his 18 great-grandchildren; his brother, Raymond; and his  
8 sister, Grace McCullough; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Leonard Beetstra, and extend our sincere condolences to his  
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Leonard Beetstra as an expression of  
16 our deepest sympathy.