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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Robert D. "Bob" Nelson, formerly of Coal 4 Valley, who passed away on October 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Bob Nelson was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on June

1, 1933 to Melvin and Meta (nee Fredricksen) Nelson; he
graduated from Rock Island High School and attended Cornell

College; he was a wrestler in high school and in college; he
served in the United States Navy as a Corpsman and then a plank
holder on the USS Lexington; he also served aboard the USS

Princeton during the Korean conflict; he earned National
Defense and Good Conduct awards; he married Marsha Reed on July

6, 1959 at Memorial Christian Church in Rock Island; and

WHEREAS, Bob Nelson was employed by Bituminous Insurance Corporation for 45 years and retired as Vice-President in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Bob Nelson enjoyed golf and was a volunteer at the John Deere Classic for more than 20 years; he enjoyed family travels and many trips with Marsha to Europe; he was most proud that all 3 of his children graduated from college; he was also a huge fan of the Chicago Bears; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob Nelson was preceded in death by his wife,

- 2 Marsha; his parents; and his brother, Doug Nelson; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Bob Nelson is survived by his children, James
- 4 (Shellie) Nelson, Barbara (Chuck) Lyon, and Drake A. (Heather)
- 5 Nelson; his grandchildren, Drake R. Nelson, Taylor Nelson,
- 6 Caine "C.J." Klingerman, Destiny Nelson, and Shelby Nelson; his
- 7 great-grandson, Caine Jr.; and treasured lifelong friends;
- 8 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 Robert D. "Bob" Nelson, and extend our sincere condolences to
- 12 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 13 further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to the family of Bob Nelson as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.