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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 Ralph B. Smith Sr. of Rock Island, who passed away on April 27, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Smith Sr. was born in Burnside, Kentucky to Fred and Ruth (Kelsey) Smith on March 28, 1926; he served in the United States Army during World War II and married Louellen Gardner in Louisville, Kentucky on January 28, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Smith Sr. was an engineer for the American Air Filter Company in Moline; he retired in 1985 after 30 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Smith Sr. was a member of South Park Presbyterian Church and the Blackhawk Hiking Club; he was a volunteer tax preparer for AARP and a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Smith Sr. was preceded in death by his wife, Louellen; his parents; and his sister, Joanne Wilson; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Smith Sr. is survived by his children, Kathryn (Charles) Schoaf, Jeanne Gardner, and Ralph Smith Jr.; his grandchildren, Kristina Cobo and Caroline Willett; and his

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1 great-grandchildren, Trevor Cobo and Lily Willett; therefore,  
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3       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 Ralph B. Smith Sr., and extend our sincere condolences to his  
6 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
7 further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Ralph Smith Sr. as an expression of  
10 our deepest sympathy.