WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Robert L. Bowman of Rock Island, who passed away on May 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bowman was born on February 7, 1921 in Rock Island; his parents were William L. and Lulu Bowman; he married Glenna Eilleen Morris on September 14, 1946 in Rock Island; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bowman was a World War II veteran, having served with the United States Army in the Pacific Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bowman was a truck driver with Consolidated Freightways for many years until his retirement in 1981; in earlier years, he worked at Chippiannock Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bowman was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Teamsters, and Gloria Dei Presbyterian Church in Rock Island; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bowman enjoyed working in his garage, repairing all sorts of things, building go-carts for his daughter and other neighborhood kids, canoeing, sailing, and cars, especially his Mazda Miata; roller skating held an important place in his heart, having met his future wife,

Glenna, while skating at the various roller skating rinks of the area during the 1930s and 1940s; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bowman was preceded in death by his wife, Glenna; his parents; his brother, James; and his sister, Doris Moran; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bowman is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Kent Ferris; his granddaughter and her husband, Megan and Austin Reynolds; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of Robert L. Bowman; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Robert Bowman as an expression of our sympathy.

