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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 Harold Bixen, who passed away on July 5, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Bixen was born in Bunker Hill to Alvin and Alma (Zarges) Bixen on July 18, 1934; he was raised by his grandparents, William and Mary Bixen, after the death of his mother when he was six months old; he served in the United States Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; he married Mary Aljets at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Dorsey on October 16, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Bixen worked at Alton Boxboard (Jefferson Smurfit Corporation); and

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WHEREAS, Harold Bixen was a volunteer fireman for the Dorsey Volunteer Fire Department; he was an active member of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Dorsey; he enjoyed travelling, camping, and spending time with his family; he and his son, John, enjoyed building and renovating houses together; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Bixen was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Robert Bixen; his sister, Alice Spickerman; and his sister-in-law, Esther Hoffstetter; and

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1 WHEREAS, Harold Bixen is survived by his wife of 60 years,
2 Mary; his daughter, Janet (David) Francis; his son, John Bixen;
3 his daughter-in-law, Kara Bixen; his grandson, Lukas Bixen; his
4 granddaughter, Brittany (Steven) Ginn; his
5 great-grandchildren, Avrie and Hudson Ginn; his sister,
6 Dorothy Spickerman; his sisters-in-law, Marguerite Fechte and
7 Ruth Kuethe; and his brother-in-law, Frederick (Verline)
8 Aljets; 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 Harold Bixen, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
12 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Harold Bixen as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.