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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 Howard Ray "Rosie" Holladay Sr. of East Moline, who passed away on May 18, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Holladay Sr. was born in Conesville, Iowa to Floyd and Velma Strong Holladay on September 16, 1925; he grew up in Muscatine, Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Holladay Sr. joined the United States Marines in June of 1943; he served over two years in the Second Marine Division in the South Pacific during World War II; he was stationed in Nagasaki, Japan for over three months, following the dropping of the atomic bomb; he was honorably discharged as a Corporal in January of 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Holladay Sr. married Wilma Ann Webb at the Spangler Chapel in Muscatine on June 30, 1973; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Holladay Sr. was a heavy equipment operator with Rock Island Local 537; he also farmed in Illinois City; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Holladay Sr. was a past master of Norwood Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Lodge 622 in Norwood,

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1 Missouri; he was a past Worthy Patron of Norwood Eastern Star
2 and was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge; he was a member
3 of American Legion Post 27 in Muscatine, Iowa and the VFW Post
4 in Rock Island; he enjoyed traveling with his wife and fishing
5 in Arkansas; and

6 WHEREAS, Howard Holladay Sr. was preceded in death by his
7 wife, Wilma; his parents; his sisters, Doris Middagh and
8 Geraldine Middagh; his brothers, Clyde, Floyd A., Kenneth, and
9 Jack Holladay; and his granddaughter, Mandy; and

10 WHEREAS, Howard Holladay Sr. is survived by his children,
11 Howard (Terri) Holladay Jr., Henry (Kathy) Holladay, Tim
12 Holladay, and Mindy Baker; his stepdaughters, Madelyn
13 (Michael) Doyle, Georgia Hoover, Nancy Gurney, and Vivian
14 (William) Schmelzer; his grandchildren, Ryan, Teresa, Amy,
15 Lindsey, and Jakab; nine great-grandchildren; and several
16 step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; therefore, be
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18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Howard Ray "Rosie" Holladay Sr., and extend our sincere
21 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
22 him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Howard Holladay Sr. as an expression
3 of our deepest sympathy.