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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 Ray M. Heckler of Urbana, who passed away on February 13, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Heckler was born in Sullivan to Ross and Maud Holly Heckler on September 2, 1922; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Heckler served his country as a Private First Class in the United States Army at Fort Shelling, Minnesota; he retired after 40 years as a Command Sergeant Major in the Illinois National Guard in Urbana; he served in places such as Berlin, Germany; Japan; Paris and Marcel, France; and Casablanca, Morocco; he was awarded the Bronze Star in France in recognition of heroic and meritorious service on the field of battle; and

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WHEREAS, In 2011, Ray Heckler and his brother, John, took part in an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Heckler attended the Philo Church of Christ in Urbana and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity; and

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WHEREAS, Ray Heckler was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; and his wife, Sylvia "Grandma Sid"; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ray Heckler is survived by his sons, Terry (Candy)
2 and Rodney Heckler; his daughter, Judy (Jim)
3 Heckler-Heimbürger; numerous grandchildren and
4 great-grandchildren; and one brother; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Ray M. Heckler, and extend our sincere condolences to his
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Ray Heckler as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.