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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 Earl H. Thomas, formerly of Spring Grove, who passed away on June 17, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Thomas was the youngest and last surviving child of 10 children born to William H. and Ella Enright Thomas; he served in the 43rd Division of the United States Army in the Philippines and Japan during World War II; he was joined in marriage to Virginia Wilhelm for 51 years; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Thomas had a wide range of experiences, including farm life in Iowa and Wisconsin, dairy delivery in McHenry and Hinsdale, and insurance sales with MetLife; his experience with dairy delivery and MetLife resulted in a perfect knowledge of all roads in the area; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Thomas was a longtime and active member of Mount Hope United Methodist Church in Johnsburg; and

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WHEREAS, Earl Thomas was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia; he and Virginia had two children, William (Marianne) and Patricia (Richard) Thompson; four grandchildren, Christiane (Ralph) Sorenson, Laura (Keith) Murray, Diana (Raymond) Zakrzwski, and John (Denise) Thompson;

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1 and five great-grandchildren, Ella and Ethan Murray and Thomas,
2 Mark, and Michael Zakrzwski; and

3 WHEREAS, Earl Thomas was later married to Mary Hedge for 24
4 years and is survived by her many beloved children,
5 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

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

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Earl Thomas as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.