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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 Lawrence Ferry, who passed away on August 9, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Ferry was born to Ray and Mae Ferry on February 12, 1921; he graduated from Waukegan Township High School in 1939, after a standout career in high school football; in his senior year, he was named "Mayor for a Day" and kidded about how that day helped him realized he should avoid politics; he later played football for the Lake County Merchants, a semi-professional team, and remembered those days fondly; he married Mary Zannini on June 3, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Ferry proudly served in the United States Army, European Theater, during World War II; he was awarded several combat medals, including the Bronze Star for saving three of his men; he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Ferry was a Teamster and worked for Meadow Gold Dairy for 37 years; he later worked at St. Therese Hospital (now Vista West); and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Ferry was a lifetime member of the American Legion Homer Dahringer Post 281; he enjoyed working

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1 with his hands and happily helped family, friends, and
2 neighbors with household projects; he and Mary traveled
3 extensively by car, especially to Florida, Colorado, Montana,
4 and Texas to visit their children and grandchildren; they took
5 the trip of a lifetime to Italy for their 40th anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, Lawrence Ferry lived a long, rich life and looked
7 out for people who were less fortunate; his family and friends
8 miss his storytelling and hearty laugh; and

9 WHEREAS, Lawrence Ferry was preceded in death by his
10 parents; his stepmother, Sal; his daughter, Patt (the late
11 Nels) Nizer; his brothers, Clyde (the late Barbara) and Paul;
12 his brothers-in-law, Gene (the late Eileen) Zannini and Dr.
13 John (the late Frances) Zannini; and his special cousin, Dr.
14 Thomas (the late Marifred) Jackson; and

15 WHEREAS, Lawrence Ferry is survived by his loving wife of
16 65 years, Mary; his children, Marty (Ed) Biondi, Linda, Paul
17 (Sherre), and Jane; his grandchildren, John, Mike, Kate, Mike,
18 and Dave (Shalee); his great-granddaughter, Darkis; and his
19 many nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Lawrence Ferry and extend our sincere condolences to his

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Lawrence Ferry as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.