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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 James Klamam of Danville, who passed away on October 13, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Klamam was born in Danville Township to Franklin and Anna Hayman Klamam on March 25, 1925; he was a member of the Danville High School Class of 1943 but left school at 17 before the end of his senior year to enter the armed services; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Klamam joined the U.S. Army Air Force and served as a bombardier in a B-17 warplane named the Milk Run; he graduated from officer's training school and was commissioned as a lieutenant and assigned to the Debach Air Base near Ipswich, England as a member of the 861st Bombardment Squadron of the 493rd Bomb Group; he completed his full 25 missions over western Europe and Germany and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three clusters; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Klamam returned to Danville in August of 1945; he earned his bachelor's degree in education from Illinois State Normal University and his master's degree from the University of Illinois; he served as a member of the

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1 Danville School District No. 118 faculty for 33 years beginning
2 in 1950 and married Shirley Ann Mauck on June 10, 1953; he
3 taught and served as coach at Franklin, Edison, and Collett
4 Elementary Schools for nine years; from 1959 to 1964, he was
5 the principal of Lincoln and Fairchild Elementary Schools; he
6 was principal of East Park Jr. High School from 1964 to 1977;
7 he was Director of Vocational Education at Danville High School
8 for six years until his retirement in 1983; and

9 WHEREAS, Harold Klamann had the ability to repair almost any
10 motor and to construct, repair, and modify most structures; he
11 was very proud of building his family's house himself in 1956
12 on the neighboring lot to his parents' home; he remodeled and
13 made two additions to his home and resided there for the
14 remainder of his life; and

15 WHEREAS, Harold Klamann was a member of St. Paul's Roman
16 Catholic Church for 83 years; and

17 WHEREAS, Harold Klamann took pride in being one of the
18 passengers on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.; his
19 grandson, Ryan, accompanied him on this special occasion and
20 also nominated him for two veteran honors that he received,
21 including being named to the veterans Wall of Honor at Kenneth
22 D. Bailey Academy; and

1 WHEREAS, Harold Klamam was preceded in death by his wife,
2 Shirley, and his sister, Marjorie Klamam (Wayne) Denman; and

3 WHEREAS, Harold Klamam is survived by his daughter,
4 Kimberly Ann (Duane) Webber; his grandchildren, Ryan (Hilary)
5 Cerutti, Earl (Ashley) Webber, and Andrew (Emilie) Webber; his
6 great-grandchildren, Olivia and Ava Cerutti, Tyler and Jacob
7 Webber, and Keaghan, Jay, and Willow Webber; his nephews, Mark
8 Denman and Greg (Janet) Denman; his niece, Ann (William) Blair;
9 and his great-nephews and nieces, Jay (Jena) O'Blenis, Tim
10 (Keira) O'Blenis, Margie (Brent) Lockhart, Mark J. Denman, and
11 Judy Denman; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Harold James Klamam and extend our sincere condolences to his
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Harold Klamam as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.