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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 Carl Edward Mescher of Massac County, who passed away on January 15, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Edward Mescher was born to Herman and Clara (Moller) Mescher in Metropolis on August 12, 1920; he dedicated his life to the service of Illinoisans within Massac County; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Edward Mescher was a Navy veteran of World War II; he served on the USS Pennsylvania during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; he heroically contained dangerous and destructive fires throughout the bombing raids that day; and

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WHEREAS, Carl Edward Mescher was a radioman in the OS2U3 Kingfisher seaplane and was awarded the Air Medal for courageous action in the Pacific theater at Makin, Kwajalein, and Eniwetok Atolla; the commendation recognized his skillful performance of duty in establishing and maintaining excellent communications between his plane and parent ship while braving heavy anti-aircraft fire and extremely hazardous flying conditions; and

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1           WHEREAS, Carl Edward Mescher finished his military service  
2 testing radio navigation equipment in PBY Catalina seaplanes at  
3 Banana River Naval Station where he rose to the rank of Chief  
4 Petty Officer; and

5           WHEREAS, Following his illustrious military career from  
6 1940 to 1946, Carl Edward Mescher operated Soil Services, a  
7 local fertilizer store, until his retirement in 1982; and

8           WHEREAS, Carl Edward Mescher continued to farm and raise  
9 cattle until his health no longer allowed it; he was a member  
10 of St. John's Church and the American Legion Post 306; and

11           WHEREAS, Carl Edward Mescher was preceded in death by his  
12 parents, Herman and Clara (Moller) Mescher; and his five  
13 brothers, Omer, Amos, Loyd, Troy, and Otis Mescher; and

14           WHEREAS, Carl Edward Mescher is survived by his nieces, his  
15 nephews, his extended relatives, and his friends; therefore, be  
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17           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
19 Carl Edward Mescher and extend our sincere condolences to his  
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
21 further

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