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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 Wilbur J. Kienstra of Alton, who passed away on December 11, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born July 31, 1918, in Alton, the son of Joseph C. and Myrtle (Trampe) Kienstra; in 1916, his father, Joseph, founded Kienstra Brothers Coal, Feed, and Ice Company; in high school he delivered coal after classes; in 1940, he joined his father in business and subsequently transformed the company into a successful ready-mix and concrete block enterprise; he retired as president and CEO of Kienstra, Inc. in Wood River in 1986; and

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WHEREAS, He married Ruth L. Hoehn on August 13, 1941, in Mitchell; he was a member of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; and

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WHEREAS, Wilbur Kienstra is survived by his daughter, Ann Rita Cooper and her husband, Tim; his sons, Chris Kienstra and Dr. Randy Kienstra and his wife, Jan; his grandchildren, Dr. Matthew Kienstra (Kristie), Christopher McNeill (Alisa), Dr. Andrew Kienstra (Kirsten), Carrie O'Brien (Chris), Ryan Munro

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1 (Tory), Cam Pope (Jason), and Mady Kienstra; his 13  
2 great-grandchildren; and his sister; Kathleen Kienstra;  
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
6 his family and friends, the passing of Wilbur Kienstra; and be  
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Wilbur Kienstra as a symbol of our  
10 sincere sympathy.