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1 SENATE RESOLUTION WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 2 3 learn of the death of Raymond E. "Ray" Williams of East Moline, 4 who passed away on September 28, 2015; and 5 WHEREAS, Ray Williams was born in rural Geneseo on 6 September 9, 1926 to Julius and Selma (nee Claeys) Williams; he 7 married Joan M. Merkel on June 6, 1953 in Grayslake; he served 8 in the United States Army; and 9 WHEREAS, Ray Williams retired as Vice-President 10 cashier from Pinnacle Bank in Silvis on December 31, 1989; and 11 WHEREAS, Ray Williams enjoyed his daily trips to the YMCA 12 and tennis; he was very good with numbers and found pleasure in 13 helping the elderly and others do their income taxes; and WHEREAS, Ray Williams was preceded in death by his parents; 14 15 his sons, Daniel and Joseph R.; and his sister, Marjorie 16 Fowler; and 17 WHEREAS, Ray Williams is survived by his wife of 62 years,

Joan; his daughters, Mary Jo (Paul) Farron and Julie Palmer;

his son, Alan (Allene) Williams; his 9 grandchildren; his 5

great-grandchildren; his 2 step-great-grandchildren; his

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- 1 sisters, Dorothy Maes and Ruth Ann Fleming; and his brother,
- Julius (Jean) Williams; therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
- 4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 5 Raymond E. "Ray" Williams, and extend our sincere condolences
- to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
- 7 it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 9 presented to the family of Ray Williams as an expression of our
- 10 deepest sympathy.