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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 Joyce David "Squeak" Bailie of Herrin, who passed away on September 29, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Joyce Bailie was born on July 13, 1924, in Herrin; his parents were James M. "Pop" and Nona "Sugar" (Stroud) Bailie; he married Jean Green on October 27, 1950, at the First Presbyterian Church of Herrin; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from Herrin High School in 1942, Joyce Bailie immediately enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II to train as a fighter pilot; he was preparing to deploy to the Pacific theatre when the war ended, having achieved the rank of lieutenant commander; he subsequently served in the active Naval Reserve until 1966, when he transferred to retired reserve status; he then continued to serve our country proudly for many years before being honorably discharged; and

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WHEREAS, Joyce Bailie ran a series of businesses in downtown Herrin, including Bailie's Bus Station, Bailie's Toy and Hobby Shop, and Bailie's Fitness Center; many youngsters spent their after-school hours at his "shop", where he, his parents, and his wife served as an unofficial "after-school

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2 WHEREAS, Joyce Bailie was a longtime member of the First
3 Presbyterian Church of Herrin, the Herrin American Legion, and
4 the VFW; and

5 WHEREAS, Joyce Bailie enjoyed sport and trophy fishing, bow
6 hunting with his son and his friends, gardening, and spending
7 time with his friends and family; and

8 WHEREAS, Joyce Bailie was preceded in death by his parents;
9 his wife; his son, Jay Martin Bailie; his brother, James M.
10 Bailie; his nephew, Timothy Bailie; his niece, Lynn Chapman
11 Medlin; and his sister, Peggy J. Lindsay; and

12 WHEREAS, Joyce Bailie is survived by his daughter, Wendy
13 Bailie and her husband, Ron Carey; his son, Steve Bailie and
14 his wife, Barbara; his grandchildren, Josh Bailie and his wife,
15 Becky, Lauren Merz and her husband, Court, Mark Bailie, Maggie
16 Jean Bailie, Jay Bailie Carey, and Jennifer Pike and her
17 husband, Shawn; his great-grandchildren, Lucas and Coleman
18 Bailie and Layla Merz; his nephews, Mark Chapman and his wife,
19 Amanda, Brian and his wife, Paula Chapman, James and his wife,
20 Susan Bailie, and Barry and his wife, Marianne Lindsay; his
21 niece, Lynn (Lindsay) and her husband, David Ramsey; his many
22 great-nieces, great-nephews, and friends; and his best

1 friends, Debbie Anderson and Wendell "Hap" Green; therefore, be
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3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
5 his family and friends, the passing of Joyce David "Squeak"
6 Bailie; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Joyce Bailie as an expression of our
9 sympathy.