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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 William "Bill" Francis Dettmers of Bethalto, who passed away on January 28, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born May 30, 1923, in Bethalto, the son of William Herman and Blanche (Rosin) Dettmers; he married Shirley A. Warren on April 10, 1948, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Bethalto; and

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WHEREAS, He served his country in the United States Army in the European Theater during World War II, earning the Purple Heart and retiring as a Master Sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, He retired as Bethalto Postmaster after 38 years; he was a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, the Bethalto American Legion Post No. 214, and the Bethalto Knights of Columbus Council No. 4688, where he was a 3rd degree knight; he was a coin, stamp, and baseball card collector, enjoyed wood crafting, and was an avid dancer; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and one sister, Katherine Blastic; and

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WHEREAS, William Dettmers is survived by his children and

1 their spouses, William and Sandra Dettmers, Pamela and John  
2 Gass, Craig Dettmers, Gary and Denise Dettmers, Paul Dettmers,  
3 Teresa and Jim Langford, Susan and Steve Mitchell, Mary and  
4 Kevin Hagerty, and Steve and Crystal Dettmers; his 21  
5 grandchildren; his 12 great-grandchildren; his sister, June  
6 DeLong; his special companion, Betty Bast; and his nieces and  
7 nephews; therefore, be it

8       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
10 his family and friends, the passing of William Dettmers; and be  
11 it further

12       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of William Dettmers as a symbol of our  
14 sincere sympathy.