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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 Roy E. Boren of Herrin, who passed away on March 9, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born May 17, 1919, in Herrin, to Thomas and Lylia (Everly) Boren; he was united in marriage with Mary Belle Francis on July 9, 1938, in Jackson, Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, He formerly co-owned and operated with his wife, Mary Belle, the Boren's IGA grocery stores in Herrin, Harrisburg, and Carbondale; he was a longtime director of the Herrin Security Bank Board and retired as director emeritus for Herrin Security Bank; and

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WHEREAS, He was a deacon and taught boy's Sunday school class at First Baptist Church in Herrin; he was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II, serving with the Seabee's in Guam and Okinawa; and

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WHEREAS, He and his wife loved to travel throughout the world with their family and close friends, Bob and Dorothy Mercer, Ruth Wilma, and Tommy Colombo; and

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WHEREAS, His memberships included but were not limited to:

1 lifetime membership in the Herrin Elks, Baker-Ladd VFW Posts
2 1567, Herrin American Legion Post 645, Herrin Chamber of
3 Commerce, Herrin Better Business Association, to which he was
4 the biggest promoter and supporter, Herrin United Way,
5 volunteer at the Herrin Hospital for 15 years, former member of
6 the Herrin Kiwanis's Club, Oddfellows Club, and Executive
7 Committee Director of the Illinois Food Retailer's
8 Association; and

9 WHEREAS, He was one of the founding organizers of
10 HerrinFesta Italiana and was honored as a Special Guest in
11 2011; he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the
12 Herrin Chamber of Commerce in 2006; and assisted with
13 coordinating the Mayor Quaglia's Thanksgiving Dinner for the
14 citizens of Herrin; and

15 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents;
16 his siblings, Helen Long, Mike Boren, Woodrow Boren, and twin
17 sister, Faye Musgrave; his niece, Lynne Rae Hindman; his
18 nephew, Ronnie Musgrave; his brother-in-law, Paul Francis; and
19 his close friends, Bob Mercer, Ruth Wilma, and Tommy Colombo;
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21 WHEREAS, Roy Boren is survived by his daughter, Brenda
22 Preston and Ed Schullian; his sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry
23 Boren and David and Amy Boren; his grandchildren, Amy Suchadoll

1 and her husband, Jeff, James Neal Preston and fiancée, Sarah
2 Varoujean, Brian Preston and fiancée, Beth Foster, Joshua
3 Boren, and Danielle Boren; his great-grandchildren, Jordan
4 Preston, Brandon Suchadoll, Jake Suchadoll, and Jenna
5 Suchadoll; his sister-in-law, Barbara Francis; his nephews and
6 nieces, Tom Boren and his wife, Ibbey Jean, Morris "Chick" Boren
7 and his wife, Carlen, Terry Boren and his wife, Maria, Mike
8 Musgrave and his wife, Pam, Jim Francis and his wife, Wendy,
9 Paul E. Francis, and Sallie Ann and Brian Suprenant; and his
10 several great-nieces and nephews and close friends Dorothy
11 Mercer and Melba Thurman; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 his family and friends, the passing of Roy Boren; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Roy Boren as a symbol of our sincere
18 sympathy.