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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 Gentry C. Thetford of Metamora, formerly of Washington, who passed away on February 8, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Gentry Thetford was born on June 26, 1929, in Bradford, Tennessee; his parents were the late Simon Vernie Thetford and Vera Mai Thetford; he married Betty Joyce "BJ" Harder on March 18, 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Gentry Thetford graduated from Woodruff High School in 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Gentry Thetford began his professional career at Couch & Heyle, where he worked for 39 years, serving the majority of that time as the company's purchasing agent until the company's closure in 1986; he ended his career at MRS Industrial, where he retired in 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Gentry Thetford served his country for 8 years in the Naval Reserves during the Korean War; he was a member of the East Peoria Hilton Masonic Lodge; and

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WHEREAS, Gentry Thetford was the classic "Good Neighbor" and was bestowed that honor by the Washington Courier; and

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1           WHEREAS, Gentry Thetford was an avid outdoorsman and animal  
2           lover who loved his fishing trips to Canada and his squirrel,  
3           rabbit, pheasant, waterfowl, deer, and turkey hunting  
4           excursions with his family and friends; he was a devoted member  
5           of Wilmor Sportsman's Club, which at one time was affiliated  
6           with the Central Illinois Beagle Club, where he enjoyed  
7           breeding champion beagles who won many awards at field trials  
8           throughout the central Illinois region; he enjoyed bowling, for  
9           which he received many individual and team awards; he was a  
10          frequent visitor to the "boys' swamp", where he enjoyed  
11          searching for morel mushrooms; he also loved the St. Louis  
12          Cardinals; and

13          WHEREAS, Gentry Thetford is survived by his wife, Betty  
14          "BJ"; his son, Donn Thetford; his daughters, Sheri (Robert)  
15          Perkins and Gale Thetford; his grandsons, Nathan Tonnies, Derek  
16          Thetford, Robert (Taylor) Perkins, Stuart Schmadeke, and Aaron  
17          Perkins; therefore, be it

18          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
19          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
20          his family and friends, the passing of Gentry C. Thetford; and  
21          be it further

22          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Gentry Thetford as an expression of  
2 our sympathy.