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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 Merle Kirby of Greenview, who passed away on January 14, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Merle Kirby was born on June 7, 1935 in Buffalo; his parents were Arthur and Opal (nee Duncan) Kirby; he graduated from Tri-City High School in 1953 and attended Blackburn College; he married Jane Armstrong on April 10, 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Merle Kirby was a farmer in the Greenview area for many years and was employed by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for 25 years; and

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WHEREAS, Merle Kirby served as Chairman of the Menard County Commissioners Board for 19 years; he was a member of the New Salem Shrine Club, Greenview Masonic Lodge #653, the Menard County Farm Bureau, Jesters, and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Right 33rd Degree; he was also a member of the United County Council of Illinois and the Greenview Community Fire Protection District Board; and

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WHEREAS, Merle Kirby enjoyed taking fishing trips to his cabin in Minnesota; and

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1 WHEREAS, Merle Kirby was preceded in death by his wife,
2 Jane; his son, Patrick "Fudd"; his brothers, James, John,
3 Eugene, and Donald; his brother-in-law, Bill Armstrong; and his
4 sister-in-law, Susan Armstrong; and

5 WHEREAS, Merle Kirby is survived by his daughter, Durinda
6 Kirby; his son, Mike (Lori); his brother, William Dean Kirby;
7 his grandchildren, Landon "Hoss" (Jamie) Kirby, Natasha (Adam)
8 Bacon, and Kaylee Kirby; his step-grandchildren, Ryan and
9 Jeremy "Tank" Hatfield; and his great-grandchildren, Kirby Jo
10 and Milo Bacon; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Merle Kirby; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Merle Kirby as an expression of our
17 sympathy.