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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 Harold Richard "Corky" Baird, Sr., who passed away on October 14, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Baird, Sr. was born on May 3, 1928 in Gillespie; his parents were William J. and Loraine (nee Williams) Baird; he married the former Ella Faye Wood on September 11, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Baird, Sr. served in the United States Army for 9 years and the United States Navy Seabees for 15 years, retiring after 24 years of dedicated service; upon arriving in Italy in 1946, he immediately assumed responsibility as a disbursing clerk; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Baird, Sr. was a passionate lover of history and traveled to many places throughout the world, including Switzerland and Italy, which included Livorno and Rome, where he visited the Coliseum and attended an audience with the Pope; during his military career, he also traveled to places such as Harlem, Georgia, Colorado Springs, and the Yukon; and

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WHEREAS, Harold Baird, Sr. was a member of the Odd Fellows

1 and the Alton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1308 and a past
2 president of the Alton High School Booster Club; as a longtime
3 Boy Scout leader, he chaperoned young men at Camp Warren Levis
4 and on many noteworthy hikes, including the Lincoln Heritage
5 Trail in Springfield; he also had an extensive collection of
6 antique tools; and

7 WHEREAS, Harold Baird, Sr. was preceded in death by his
8 parents; a daughter, Phyllis Harrell; and 2 brothers, Gerald
9 and James Baird; and

10 WHEREAS, Harold Baird, Sr. is survived by his wife, Ella; 2
11 daughters, Sandra (Jim) Gellar and Lori (Gary) Schwartz; a son,
12 Harold "Richard" Baird, Jr. (Terry O'Connor); Butch (Brenda)
13 Chapman, whom he raised and considered a son; 16 grandchildren;
14 22 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
18 family and friends, mourn the passing of Harold Richard "Corky"
19 Baird, Sr.; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Harold Baird, Sr. as an expression
22 of our sympathy.