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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 Laurence E. "Larry" Kirby of Urbana, who passed away on September 14, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Kirby was born in Mahomet on October 3, 1926 to Cecil Owen and Audie Mabel Jacobs Kirby; he grew up in the Paxton area and served in the United States Navy during World War II; he attended the Illinois Technical Institute of Chicago and married Eva Lois Brown on April 4, 1947 in the Methodist Church parsonage in Paxton; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Kirby and his wife moved from Paxton to the Champaign-Urbana area in 1958; he retired as an International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 601 electrician (IBEW); he was a former instructor for the IBEW 601 apprenticeship program, superintendent of building inspection in Champaign, director of Champaign County Civil Defense, and a Champaign County zoning administrator; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Kirby was a former member of Paxton United Methodist Church and a member of the Paxton American Legion Prairie Post 150, the Paxton Masonic Lodge No. 416 A.F. & A.M., IBEW 601, and the Twin City Amateur Radio Club; and

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1           WHEREAS, Larry Kirby enjoyed hunting, fishing, antique  
2 tractors, and gardening; he also had an interest in family  
3 history and Civil War history; he always had a love for dogs  
4 and family; and

5           WHEREAS, Larry Kirby was preceded in death by his wife,  
6 Eva; his parents; his 2 sisters, Leone Kirby Fairley and Doris  
7 Kirby Frederickson; and his brother, David Kirby; and

8           WHEREAS, Larry Kirby is survived by his daughter, Connie  
9 (Gary) Jordan; his 2 sons, Eugene Kirby and Larry (Jennifer)  
10 Kirby; his 3 grandsons, Jacob, Joshua, and Matthew Jordan; his  
11 granddaughter, Fallon Kirby; his 2 great-grandsons, Nikolas  
12 and Lucas Jordan; his great-granddaughter, Lily Grace Jordan;  
13 his 3 brothers, Owen (Jean) Kirby, Dannie Kirby, and Everett  
14 (Faye) Kirby; and his sister-in-law, Barbara Kirby; therefore,  
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16           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Laurence E. "Larry" Kirby, and extend our sincere condolences  
19 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
20 it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Larry Kirby as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.