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[Senate, No. 835. Offered by Senators Lee and Hedges.]

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

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### RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF GENERAL WILLIAM I. ROSE.

*Whereas*, The Senate of Massachusetts has learned with profound regret of the death of Major General William I. Rose, former Adjutant General of the Commonwealth and former commander of the Yankee Division; and

*Whereas*, The late General Rose enjoyed a splendid reputation as a soldier and leader in the armed forces of the United States. At the age of eighteen he entered the service as a private, and advanced rapidly through the ranks, commanding combat troops in World War I as a junior officer. In 1934 he was named Adjutant General of the Commonwealth and later was appointed commanding general of the 51st Brigade of the Yankee Division. At the start of World War II he was selected to command a top-secret task force, later integrated with the American Division, which fought along with the Marines and Air Corps in the South Pacific, the first American army unit to fight in World War II; and

*Whereas*, General Rose was an officer who always had the respect and loyalty of his men, being ever ready to share their discomforts and dangers; and

*Whereas*, His devotion to duty, his courage, and his loyalty to the principles of American ideals will ever be remembered by all with whom he came in contact during his long and brilliant military career; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate of Massachusetts desires to place on record its sense of the great loss sustained by

the commonwealth in the death of this gallant soldier and officer; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the secretary of the commonwealth to the bereaved family of the late General William I. Rose.

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SENATE, June 10, 1954.

Adopted.

IRVING N. HAYDEN,

*Clerk.*