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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Russell Oxford of Johnston City, who passed away on Monday, September 25, 2006; and

WHEREAS, He was born on August 11, 1933, in Cave In Rock to Gilbert and Cora (Ralph) Oxford; he was united in marriage to the former Jackie Moake on June 23, 1953, in Marion; and

WHEREAS, He served as Williamson County Sheriff from 1970 to 1978 and again from 1989 to 1994, holding the job longer than any other sheriff; he owned Oxford's Furniture Store of Johnston City and also was involved in Oxford Trucking; and

WHEREAS, Despite his numerous work commitments, he always found time to spend with his family, enjoying many gatherings with his grandchildren; he also enjoyed spending time horseback riding and trail riding; he was a member of Whiteash Freewall Baptist Church, Williamson County Shrine Club, and Lake Creek Masonic Lodge 729; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Russell Oxford has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Jackie; his sons and their families, Michael and Joyce Blades, Keith and Linda Oxford, and James and Stephanie Oxford; his grandchildren, Lisa Odum and husband, Zach, Melissa Blades, Heather Oxford, Justin Oxford, Russell Casey Oxford, and Abbey Oxford; his step-grandchildren, Siera Elkin and Grant Elkin; his brothers and sister-in-law, Harry and Jane Oxford and David Oxford; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Wanda Cash, Alma and Harold Gross, and Betty and Ed Cash; his nieces and nephews; and other extended family and many friends; he was preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, Michael Travis Blades; his granddaughter, Emily Rose Oxford; and three brothers, Winford, Kenny, and Al Oxford;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Russell Oxford, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
9 sympathy.