



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Richard A. "Steve" Stevenson passed away on
3 October 26, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Steve was born on February 28, 1923, in Anaheim,
5 California, to Earl and Hazel (Crooks) Stevenson; and

6 WHEREAS, His family moved from Anaheim to Missouri, where
7 they bought a dairy farm; he and his brother, Del, worked many
8 cattle drives and milking sessions together; Steve had a strong
9 work ethic, a trait that he carried with him through his entire
10 life; and

11 WHEREAS, While in Missouri, Steve was known as the town
12 boxer, and he competed in the county fairs; he honorably served
13 his country in the United States Marines during World War II,
14 serving at Pearl Harbor; and

15 WHEREAS, Steve was a barber for more than 60 years; his
16 first shop was in Wilmette, and then he lived briefly in
17 Brevard, North Carolina, before coming to Carterville in July
18 1980; he was a member of the Carterville First United Methodist
19 Church, the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary
20 Club, the Carterville American Legion Post, the Carterville
21 Pantry, the Garden Club, and the USMC Shawnee Detachment
22 League; he served as a city council member for more than 16
23 years; and

24 WHEREAS, He was a hard-working father and grandfather who
25 loved the St. Louis Cardinals and loved to grow his hybrid tea
26 roses, but most of all he loved his family and helping people
27 in his community; and

28 WHEREAS, Richard A. Stevenson is survived by his son,
29 Richard Allen Stevenson II of Carterville; his daughters and

1 sons-in-law, Patricia Ann and Stuart Anderson, Judith Maria
2 Trexler, Barbara and Dennis Grimard, and Therese Madonna and
3 Joe Furlow; his brother and sister-in-law, Delmar and Marian
4 Stevenson; his grandchildren and their spouses, Shan and Katie
5 Foster, Tom and Amy Foster, Shari and Tim Alexander, Annie
6 Trexler, Joseph and Amanda Trexler, Patrick Trexler, Kelly Lis,
7 Grant Grimard, Anna Beth Purcell, Grace Stevenson, Linda
8 "Lindy" Stevenson, and Richard Allen "Trey" Stevenson III;
9 feline grandchild, Billy Furlow; his great-grandchildren, Kai
10 Alexander and Liam Alexander, Trent Foster, Hannah Trexler, and
11 another one on the way; his nephews, Lee, Ray, Bruce Stevenson,
12 and Kevin Stevenson; his many other nieces and nephews; and his
13 faithful companion, Kathy Surprenant; he was preceded in death
14 by his parents; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Richard Stevenson and extend our condolences to his family at
18 this time; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Richard Stevenson.