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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 James "Jim" V. Bledsoe of Granite City, who passed away on February 26, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Bledsoe was born in Granite City to Edgar and Dorothy (Duvall) Bledsoe on November 12, 1938; he was on the wrestling team at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where he was a two-time National Wrestling Champion; he married Kathleen Trgovich in Granite City on August 24, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Bledsoe retired from National Steel, where he was a manager in the hot roll finishing department, after 27 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Bledsoe enjoyed sports, fishing, and attending his grandchildren's sporting events; his greatest joy was spending time with his family; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Bledsoe was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Delores Scott and Verlia Wilson; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Blackie and Clara Trgovich; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Bledsoe is survived by his wife, Kathleen, his

1 children, Jim (Pam) Bledsoe and Jill (Kenny) Prazma; his  
2 brother, Richard (Mary Ann) Bledsoe; his grandchildren,  
3 Stephen (Nicole) Bledsoe, Jeremy (Amanda) Bledsoe, Erika  
4 (Kory) Stassi, and Ty (Bailey) Prazma; his  
5 great-grandchildren, Ryan Bledsoe, Rylee Bledsoe, Reese  
6 Bledsoe, and Kolby Stassi; and his extended family and many  
7 friends; therefore, be it

8       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
10 James "Jim" V. Bledsoe and extend our sincere condolences to  
11 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
12 further

13       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Jim Bledsoe as an expression of our  
15 deepest sympathy.