



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of Senate of the State of Illinois
3 were saddened to learn of the death of James "Jim" Cruse of
4 Kewanee on October 11, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cruse was born on June 16, 1920 in Magnolia,
6 Kentucky the son of Biven and Margaret (Harbin) Cruse; he came
7 to Illinois as a young man and was schooled in Castleton and
8 graduated from Wyoming High School; and

9 WHEREAS, He married Lona Mae Jacobs on November 13, 1942 in
10 Phoenix City, Alabama; she preceded him in death; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Cruse was an Army veteran of World War II and
12 was taken as a prisoner of war two times, once in France and
13 also in Germany; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Cruse worked at the Kewanee Works Walworth
15 Co., Penberthy Co. in Prophetstown, and International
16 Harvester Co.; he retired in 1979; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Cruse was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars
18 (VFW) Post 8078 of Kewanee, the Kewanee American Legion, the
19 Flemish American Club of Kewanee, and the Moose Club of
20 Kewanee; and

21 WHEREAS, James Cruse's passing will be deeply felt by many,
22 especially his three daughters, Mrs. Wes (Judy) McNaught, Mrs.
23 Ken (Gail) Knowles, and Mrs. Spike (Terry) Young; his son, Greg
24 (Lynette) Cruse; his sister, Ella Catton; his 20 grandchildren,
25 Jamie, Julie, Jimmy, Jeff, Wesley, Lisa, Gordon, Harvey,
26 Marilyn, Jason, Kendra, Keri, Traci, Niki, Chad, Mark, Ty,
27 Scott, Chris, and Kelly; and his 18 great-grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by three sons, a

1 granddaughter, a great-granddaughter, a brother, and two
2 sisters; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
5 James "Jim" Cruse along with all who knew and loved him and
6 extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of James "Jim" Cruse as an expression
10 of our deepest sympathy.