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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Wallace L. Heil Sr. of Havana on Saturday, February 7, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Heil was born on June 6, 1920, in Mount Vernon to Ed and Louise Heil; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Heil valiantly served his country in World War II; he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was the recipient of medals, including the Purple Heart; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Heil worked in the furniture business for 40 years; he was a member of First United Methodist Church, Shrine, and Scottish Rite; he was active in the Christian County Democratic Party; he was a past member of St. Vincent's Hospital Board, the Kiwani's Club, the VFW, and the Masonic Lodge; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Heil was appointed by Governors Walker, Thompson, and Edgar to the Human Rights Commission; he was a past president of the country club and the Park Board; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Wallace L. Heil Sr. has been deeply felt by many, especially his son, Wallace Jr. (wife, Deidra) Heil; his daughter, Pam (husband, Jim) Thomas; his two grandsons; his stepgrandson; his three great-grandchildren; his two step-great-grandchildren; and his sister, Geraldine (husband, Wayne) McKinney; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Wallace L. Heil Sr., and we extend our deepest sympathy to his friends, family, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Mr. Heil as an expression of our  
3 sincere condolences during their time of bereavement.