



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Robert A. Lawless of Peoria on March  
4 18, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Lawless was born December 8, 1923 in Peoria  
6 to Harry and Anna Wolf Lawless; he was raised by his  
7 step-mother, Ethel Jennings, from age 9; he married Irene Parr  
8 on December 12, 1942 in Peoria; she preceded him in death in  
9 January 1977; and

10 WHEREAS, He later married Dorothy Schmidt on February 2,  
11 1978; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawless was a World War II Army veteran; he  
13 owned and operated Lawless Plumbing and Heating in Bartonville;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, He served on the Bartonville Village Board for  
16 several terms and was a volunteer firefighter for the  
17 Bartonville Fire Department; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawless was a member of the Lions Club, Elks  
19 Lodge 20, and the Knights of Columbus; and

20 WHEREAS, The passing of Robert A. Lawless will be deeply  
21 felt by many, especially his wife, Dorothy; his daughters,  
22 Beverly (and Michael) Stender and Barbara Lawless; his  
23 stepdaughter, Linda Etaugh; his stepson, David (and Eileen)  
24 Etaugh; his two grandchildren; and his brother, Dick (and  
25 Lucille); and

26 WHEREAS, In addition to his first wife, Irene, he was  
27 preceded in death by one sister; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of  
3 Robert A. Lawless along with all who knew and loved him and  
4 extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and  
5 be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Robert A. Lawless as an expression  
8 of our deepest sympathy.