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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were saddened
3 to learn of the death of Ralph Layton of Bethalto on March 26,
4 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Layton was born on November 12, 1927 in Bell
6 City, Missouri to Joe and Lilly (Smith) Layton; he married the
7 former Maggie Bromley on August 13, 1949 in Pickette, Arkansas;
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9 WHEREAS, Mr. Layton worked at Laclede Steel for over 31
10 years as a crane operator, often building houses in his spare
11 time; and

12 WHEREAS, He was an avid gardener who loved being outdoors,
13 and loved to fish and hunt; he will be remembered as a devoted
14 husband, father, and grandfather; and

15 WHEREAS, The passing of Ralph Layton will be deeply felt by
16 many, especially his wife, Maggie; his two daughters and
17 sons-in-law, Kay and John Williams and Debbie and Michael
18 Signorino; his son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Tonya Layton;
19 his four grandchildren, John Williams, Crystal and Rob Lowe,
20 Gary Layton II, and Jeremy Signorino; his two
21 great-grandchildren, Brittany Grayson and Sam Lowe; his
22 sister, Nancy Johnson; his brother, Lester Layton; and his
23 other extended family and friends; and

24 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his
25 daughter, Karen Jo; his four brothers; and his sister;
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
29 Ralph Layton along with all who knew and loved him and extend

1 our sincere condolences to his family and friends; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Ralph Layton as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.