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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 Walter M. Smith, a lifetime resident of Johnsburg, on Sunday, March 27, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on November 5, 1916, in Johnsburg, to John and Lena (Schaefer) Smith; he was baptized at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Johnsburg, where he was a longtime member, sang in the choir, and served as an usher; he also attended St. John the Baptist School; he married Vivian Reinboldt on September 28, 1940, at St. John the Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Smith valiantly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during World War II; he worked for Joseph H. Huemann and Sons Well Drilling Co. in Johnsburg for 40 years before retiring; and

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WHEREAS, He was a former member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Johnsburg Community Club, the McHenry Moose Lodge, and the McHenry Veterans of Foreign Wars post, where he was known for his precision drill team; he was recognized for his baseball ability, playing first base for the Johnsburg Tigers; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Walter M. Smith has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife of 64 years, Vivian Smith; his son, John J. (Janet) Smith; his daughters, Janet (fiance Robert Nelson) Arnold and Barbara Schmidt; his grandchildren, Kimberly (Shawn) Sweet, Kevin (Sheila) Schmidt, Scott (fiancee Denise Fontana) Smith, Patrick (fiancee Lindsay Runft) Smith, and Jonathan Smith; his great-grandchildren, Markus and Melanie Sweet; his brothers-in-law, Bud Meyers and Vern (Dorothy) Reinboldt; his sisters-in-law, Florence Smith, Lucille Smith, Elvira Smith, and Joann (Don) Miller; and his

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1 many other relatives and dear friends; he was preceded in death
2 by his parents; nine brothers and sisters, Ray, Fred, Leo, Ben,
3 and Clarence Smith, and Evelyn Freund, Leona Meyers, Eleanor
4 Alfhoff, and Elsie Schmitt; and his son-in-law, Phil Schmidt;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Walter M. Smith, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to his family as an expression of our sincere
13 condolences.