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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of John S. Baker of Marion on Monday, July 4, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born on April 20, 1914, to George and Lucy Jane (Blades) Baker in Marion; he married Mary Virginia Collins on October 9, 1933, in Murphysboro, and together they shared almost 69 years of marriage until her death on June 26, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baker retired from CIPS as a truck driver and digger operator; he was a member of Warder Street Baptist Church in Marion and IBEW Local 702; and

WHEREAS, The passing of John S. Baker has been deeply felt by many, especially his sons, John Thomas Baker, Charles Dale Baker, Sr. and wife, Phyllis Ann, Frankie Dean Baker and wife, June, and Harold Dee Baker and wife, Terry; his grandchildren; his 32 great-grandchildren; his 6 great-great-grandchildren; his sister, Betty Jane Dodd; and his many nieces and nephews; he was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary; his daughter, Marilyn Jane Kucheska; his granddaughter, Karen Lynn Baker; his daughter-in-law, Doris Baker; his brothers, Jimmy Baker, Charles "Bake" Baker, and George Baker; and his sisters, Rachel McMahn, Hattie Ewing, and Dorothy Sauri; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of John S. Baker, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
2 sympathy.