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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James Richard Heil of Alton, who passed away on June 15, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, James Heil was born on February 18, 1935, in Alton, the son of the late Harry J.R. and Luella Smith Heil; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Heil served in the United States Army from September of 1957 to March of 1958, and in the Reserves from March of 1958 to December of 1963; he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1957 and his Juris Doctor in 1961 from the University of Illinois; he was licensed as an attorney by the State of Illinois on October 26, 1961, and practiced law in the Alton and Godfrey communities; and

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WHEREAS, During his career he served as a Madison County State's Attorney and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois; he was active in Republican politics, and served on the Madison County Board from 1972 to 1982; he held a Illinois Broker's License, taught real estate law at Lewis and Clark Community College, and received his certification of master practitioner of neuro-linguistic programming in July of 1992; and

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1           WHEREAS, James Heil was certified as a hypnotherapist by  
2 the National Guild of Hypnotists in May of 1994; he was a  
3 former member of the National Speakers Association; he was a  
4 founding officer of the St. Louis Chapter of the National  
5 Speakers Association; he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon  
6 social fraternity, a past member of the Illinois Trial Lawyers  
7 Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the  
8 Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bar  
9 Association; and he was a longtime member of the Alton Little  
10 Theater; and

11           WHEREAS, James Richard Heil is survived by his life  
12 partner, Linda Leckrone; his daughter, Laura Shansey and her  
13 husband, Patrick; his son, Jeff Heil and his wife, Jean; his  
14 grandchildren, Sydney and Evan Shansey, and James and Jayson  
15 Heil; his mother-in-law, Verna Wilson; his sister, Donna Amick  
16 and her husband, Dan; his cousin, Mimi (Wade) Moore and her  
17 husband, Randy and their children, Brady, Mark, and Tricia  
18 Moore; his nephew, Randy Heil and his wife, Patty, and his  
19 children, Jamie, Josh, and Lori Heil; his dear friend, Brian  
20 Gibbons; his brother, Gilbert Heil; his large extended family;  
21 and his many friends and special pets, Aloyuisus, Boots, Baby  
22 Kitty, Wee One, Eight Ball, and Bart; therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
2 his family and friends, the passing of James Richard Heil; and  
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of James Richard Heil as a symbol of  
6 our sympathy.