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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 John D. Downing of Canton, who passed away on November 13, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, John D. Downing was born on September 12, 1946 in Canton; he was the son of John P. and Virginia Ruth (Lightle) Downing; he married Linda Sprecher on November 23, 1979 in Fairview; and

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WHEREAS, John D. Downing was a United States Navy veteran, serving in Vietnam from 1966 to 1969; and

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WHEREAS, John D. Downing was employed with the Caterpillar Tractor Company and was a Union Steward for many years before his retirement in 1999; after his retirement, he worked at Graham Hospital as a security guard and was a road commissioner for Putman Township; and

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WHEREAS, John D. Downing was a past commander and member of the Fairview Legion Post 644 and a Past Master and member of the Fairview Masonic Lodge 350; he served on the Amos Abbadusky Trust and the Fin and Feather Boards; he was active in the Fulton County Democrats and was a long-time precinct committeeman and Vice Chairman; he was also a member of

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1 Fairview Methodist Church; and

2 WHEREAS, John D. Downing was an avid golfer, bowler, and
3 fisherman; and

4 WHEREAS, John D. Downing is survived by his wife, Linda;
5 his daughters, Michelle (Darrell) Blout, Jennifer (Brad)
6 Benson, and Jodi (Art) Belt; his grandchildren, Katie Burgard,
7 Emily Blout, Harry Benson, Jack Benson, and Sophie Belt; his
8 brother, Bill (Kathy) Downing; his aunt and his uncle; and his
9 several cousins; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 his family and friends, the passing of John D. Downing; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of John D. Downing as an expression of
16 our sympathy.