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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 Lewis G. "Louie" Badalamenti of Edwardsville, who passed away on June 26, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Lewis Badalamenti was born on March 22, 1927 in St. Louis; he was the son of the late Joseph and Marie (Sansone) Badalamenti; he married the former Doris E. Grotefendt on September 14, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Lewis Badalamenti served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the United States Army; and

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WHEREAS, Lewis Badalamenti was the owner and operator of Rusty's Restaurant in Edwardsville after buying the restaurant from his father in the early 1950s; under his direction, the restaurant grew from a hamburger and pizza place into a fine dining establishment that was loved by many; he could still be seen at Rusty's buffet carving table during the week until a short time before his passing; and

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WHEREAS, Lewis Badalamenti enjoyed playing golf and cooking and was an avid drawer and painter; much of his work was displayed on the walls at Rusty's over the years and at local art shows; and

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1 WHEREAS, Lewis Badalamenti was a member of the Eden United
2 Church of Christ in Edwardsville; and

3 WHEREAS, Lewis Badalamenti was preceded in death by his
4 wife; his parents; and his brothers, Joseph and Ronnie
5 Badalamenti; and

6 WHEREAS, Lewis Badalamenti is survived by his son, Joseph
7 Bryce Badalamenti and wife, Cindy; his daughters, Alexina
8 "Lexie" Werner and husband, Dale, Camille Bourisaw and husband,
9 Michael, and Taina Weir and husband, Doug; his special friend,
10 Jacqueline "Jackie" Rader; his grandchildren, Chas and Torey
11 Werner, Breanne Bourisaw, and Olivia Badalamenti; his
12 step-grandchildren, Brittney and Heather Trapani; and his
13 niece, Toni Siler and husband, Tom; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
16 his family and friends, the passing of Lewis Badalamenti; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Lewis Badalamenti as an expression
20 of our sympathy.