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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of William H. "Bill" Hobbs on May 24, 2004; and

WHEREAS, He was born on July 16, 1917, in Franklin County, the son of W.C. "Willie" and Allie (Beaty) Hobbs; on April 16, 1938, in Morganfield, Kentucky, he married Lillian Belle (Collins); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hobbs was the owner and operator of Hobbs & Son John Deere in Benton for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the North Benton Baptist Church since 1981, where he served as deacon; he, along with Mrs. Hobbs, were active in the Joy group at the church; and

WHEREAS, He was a former member of the Ag Advisory Board at Rend Lake College; he had been a 4-H leader for several years; he was a member of the Liars Club, the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Mississippi Valley Farm Equipment Dealers Association, and was a former school board member of the Steel City School District; and

WHEREAS, The passing of William H. "Bill" Hobbs will be deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Lillian Hobbs; his son, Larry Hobbs and wife Nancy; his daughter, Kathy Shaw and husband the Rev. Richard Shaw; his grandchildren, David Hobbs and wife Amy, Danny Hobbs and wife Kara, Jeremy Shaw and wife Jody, and Gretchen Vance and husband Dean; his great-grandchildren, Daniel Hobbs, Will Hobbs, and Fiona Shaw; and his sister, Lorene Page; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, W.C. "Willie" and Allie (Beaty) Hobbs; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
3 William H. "Bill" Hobbs along with all who knew and loved him
4 and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of William H. "Bill" Hobbs as an
8 expression of our deepest sympathy.