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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of William Tobias "Bill" Perry of Wood River on May 22, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was born January 11, 1945, in Belleville, Kansas, to William Frank and Helen Twyla (Speich) Perry; and

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WHEREAS, He married the former Diane Spickard on June 7, 1965, in Lawrence, Kansas; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1967 with a bachelor of science degree and with minors in biological science, social studies, and language arts; and

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WHEREAS, He was a teacher for 37 years, with the last 30 years at East Alton-Wood River Community High School; he also coached football, track, golf, bowling, and wrestling; and

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WHEREAS, He was active in the community, heading fund drives for Multiple Sclerosis and The Cancer Institute; he was on the Police and Firemen's Board for the City of Wood River; he enjoyed golf, reading, traveling, and attending cultural and sporting events; he was a member of the Wood River Moose and the Police Pension Board; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of William Tobias "Bill" Perry is felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Diane; his daughters, Angie Perry and Heather (Scott) Gabbert; his grandchildren, Anna and Matthew Gabbert; his sisters, Judy (Thom) McGuire and Francie (John) Hattabaugh; his brother, Jim (Karen) Perry; his nephew, John McGuire; his special friends,

1 John Bradley and Antoinette Williams; and his mother-in-law and  
2 father-in-law, Roland and Cleo Spickard; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 William Tobias "Bill" Perry and extend our sincerest  
6 condolences to his family, friends, and community; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
10 sympathy.