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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Gil B. Tope of Carterville on January 30, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Tope was born August 7, 1961, in Du Quoin, to Lee Roy Tope and Billie Marie (Madden) Tope; he married Marsha Kay Lang on September 29, 1989, and they enjoyed 16 years together; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Herrin; Mr. Tope was employed by Jack Murray at Southern Illinois Wholesale for 20 years as a driver/salesman and for 5 years worked for Paul Koerner at Korener Distributing as a warehouse supervisor; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Tope was a simple man with a "Freebyrd" spirit; he enjoyed sitting around a campfire with good friends, family, and a cold Miller Lite beer; he and his best friend, his wife Marsha, loved being together fishing, being among wildlife, walking in the woods with nature, and taking long motorcycle rides on his bike, "Freebyrd"; Mr. Tope loved good music and playing the guitar; he also loved his late dog, Jasper, and his new four-legged friend, Skynyrd; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Tope was preceded in death by his father; his father-in-law, Glen Lang; and a very special uncle, Bill Tope; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Gil Tope has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife; his stepson, Travis Clark; his very loving and caring daughter, Krystal Tope; his mother; his mother-in-law, Patricia Atkins; his older brothers and older sister, Terry and wife, Joyce, Brenda Brown, David and wife, Gayla, and Alan and wife, Debbie; his wonderful grandchildren,

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1 Dale Tindill, Makayla Tope, and Tylar Glen Glasco; his many
2 nieces and nephews, especially Emily Tope; his many
3 great-nieces and nephews; and his many great-great nieces and
4 nephews; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Gil Tope, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family,
8 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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