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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 Eugene "Gene" Brombolich Sr., the former mayor of Collinsville, on Sunday, March 19, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on August 21, 1939, in East St. Louis to John and Sophia Mary, nee Kordela, Brombolich; he married Sheila Purlee on July 15, 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Brombolich served three consecutive terms as mayor of Collinsville from 1979 to 1991; he also served as the city's finance commissioner in 1975 and 1976; under his leadership, the City Council approved the construction of the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville's Eastport business district; he continued to be involved with the center by serving as vice chairman of the city convention Authority Board; and

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WHEREAS, After retiring from Monsanto as a chemist, he worked as a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker; he served as a Democratic precinct committeeman and was a lifelong member and former president of the Collinsville Democratic Club; and

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WHEREAS, As a member and former president of the Collinsville Jaycees, he was a co-founder of the Jaycee Raiders Football League; he also was a member of the Collinsville Animal Network, the Miners Foundation, and St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville; he was a former member of the Collinsville Historic Preservation Commission; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Gene Brombolich has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Sheila; his children, Eugene "Rusty" (Cheryl) Brombolich Jr., Kim (Dennis) Thebeau, Alison Romanik, and Rebecca Brombolich; his stepchildren, Shelly

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1 (Rob) Messer and Edward Clark; his brother, James A. (Gloria)
2 Brombolich; his sisters, Judith A. (Carl) Ogle and Rose Jedda;
3 and his eleven grandchildren; he was preceded in death by his
4 parents; 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 Eugene "Gene" Brombolich Sr., and we extend our sincere
8 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
9 him; and be it further

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