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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of William A. Groves of Peoria on Friday, July 29, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born on June 8, 1916, in Peoria to William and Gertrude Slater Groves; he married Elizabeth Raistrick on June 10, 1951, in Peoria; she preceded him in death on January 21, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He valiantly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during World War II; he held the rank of master sergeant, serving over four years in the Asia-Pacific Theater; he served in the Solomon Islands and the Ryukyu and Okinawa Islands; he was a member of American Legion Post 2; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Groves was a sales manager for Bork Auto Parts and Machine Co. in Peoria for 44 years; he retired in the mid-1980s; he was a member of Illinois Masonic Lodge 263; Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Peoria; and Mohammed Temple Shrine; he was active in the Peoria Boy Scouts and attended Second Baptist Church in Peoria; and

WHEREAS, The passing of William A. Groves has been deeply felt by many, especially his daughter, Marilyn (and Don) Magiera; his son, Bill (and Kathy); and his four grandchildren; in addition to his wife, he was also preceded in death by one sister and one grandson; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of William A. Groves, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
3 sympathy.