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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Everett Hugh Collins of Benton, who passed away on March 8, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Everett Collins was born June 8, 1923, in Mount Vernon, the son of Everett Hugh Collins Sr. and Alice (Bean) Collins; he married the former Evelyn Wootton on November 14, 1942, and she preceded him in death on June 16, 2000; he later married the former Jean Gregory on January 25, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, He was co-owner with Clarence Barton of Barton and Collins Furniture Store in Benton, which operated for more than 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, He was an active member of the community, a 50-year member of the Benton Kiwanis club and an active member of the First Christian Church in Benton; he was also a member of Gideons International and active in the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the Benton Ministerial Alliance; he was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army Air Corps as a radio technician; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Collins was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; and his infant sister; and

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1           WHEREAS, Everett Collins is survived by his wife, Jean  
2 Collins; his daughter and son-in-law, Linda L. and Gale Neal;  
3 his son and daughter-in-law, Don Cary and Kimberly Collins; his  
4 grandchildren, Lorrie Cynowa and husband, Rob, Richard Van  
5 Neal, Laura A. Collins and husband, and Cary Hugh; his sister  
6 and brother-in-law, June and William Carroll; and his many  
7 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
10 his family and friends, the passing of Everett Hugh Collins;  
11 and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Everett Collins as a symbol of our  
14 sympathy.