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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 Donald L. Cannon of Gurnee, who passed away on June 16, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Cannon was born in Waukegan on October 9, 1928, the seventh child of Leslie and Mary "Mamie" Cannon and grew up in Gurnee with his five sisters and one brother; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Cannon attended Gurnee Grade School and was a Class of 1946 graduate from Warren Township High School, where he excelled on the football and baseball fields and on the basketball court; his skill in football led to a full four year scholarship to Northeast Missouri State Teacher's College in Kirksville, Missouri, from which he graduated in 1950; he continued his football career playing for the United States Army and the Waukegan Merchants, a local semi-pro team; after college he entered the United States Army Airborne Division and served as a paratrooper during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, He married Elaine Jahnke at St. Patrick's Church in West Lake Forest on May 23, 1953; after working briefly for the Hough Company and Standard Oil Company, Don became a popular businessman, owning Cannon and Myers Service Stations in Grayslake and in Third Lake, from which he retired in April,

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1 1989; he was a member of the Gurnee Community Church; and

2 WHEREAS, He will be remembered as a man with a great sense  
3 of humor who loved birds and gardening; he was an avid reader  
4 and sports enthusiast, as well as a man who loved to play golf  
5 and bridge with his friends, and Monopoly with his two  
6 grandchildren; during his golfing days, he shot three  
7 holes-in-one; and

8 WHEREAS, Donald Cannon is survived by his wife, Barbara  
9 (Richardson) whom he married in August 1991; his children,  
10 Michael (Kathleen), and Christopher (Kim); his grandchildren,  
11 Cody and Cassidy and Mary Lou (Doug Murphy); his sisters, Norma  
12 Cunningham and Dorothy (Ed) Bennecke Bonovitz; and his many  
13 nieces and nephews; he was preceded in death by his parents;  
14 siblings, Nellie Porter, Russell Cannon, Beulah Porter, and  
15 Carol Lodesky; his first wife, Elaine; and his daughter,  
16 Kimberly; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
19 his family and friends, the passing of Donald Cannon; and be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Donald L. Cannon as a symbol of our

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