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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 Bernie B. Martin of Prairie View, who passed away on October 17, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie B. Martin was born on October 25, 1931; his parents were Harry and Vivian Martin (Paisley); he married Jeanette Blocks (Prairie View) in 1956; he was raised near the farming community of Downing, Missouri on the family farm; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie B. Martin was a sergeant in the United States Army and was stationed at various United States bases; he met his future wife Jeanette Blocks in 1953, while serving at the NIKI Site Base; he married her in 1956; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie B. Martin was a machinist for 37 years at Sparkler Manufacturing Kates Company, Edax International, and Baxter Corporation; after his retirement, he served as a golf ranger at the Fort Sheraton Golf Course and Countryside Golf Course in Mundelein; and

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WHEREAS, Bernie B. Martin enjoyed sports at the youth, high school, and professional levels; he was a volunteer member of the Stevenson High School Football chain gang; he was an avid supporter and was very active in the local youth sports league

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1 program, serving as the Lincolnshire Spring Lake Sports League
2 commissioner in the early 1970's and guiding the efforts in
3 building the league's first lighted baseball field at Daniel
4 Wright Junior High School, naming the field the "Bernie Martin
5 Field" in his honor; he and his wife were also active
6 snowmobilers since 1978 and made several trips a year to
7 Lakewood, Wisconsin with his family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Bernie B. Martin was preceded in death by his
9 parents, Harry and Vivian; and his sisters, Anna Lee and
10 Imogene; and

11 WHEREAS, Bernie B. Martin is survived by his wife of 51
12 years, Jeanette; his children, Pamela L. (Richard) Touponce,
13 Roger A. (Patricia) Martin, and Sally A. Martin (Stephanie
14 Darnall); his grandchildren, Allan, Richard Jr, Jason
15 (Pamela), Jessica, and Katherine (Roger); his four
16 great-grandchildren; his brothers, Francis, Ralph, and Ronnie;
17 his sister, Kathleen; and his many friends and neighbors;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 his family and friends, the passing of Bernie B. Martin; and be
22 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Bernie B. Martin as an expression of
3 our sympathy.