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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 former Illinois Senate doorkeeper Edward H. Bell of Springfield, who passed away on April 24, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Edward H. Bell was born May 20, 1949, the son of Archibald and Mary Bell, in Glasgow, Scotland; he immigrated to the United States in 1964 to live with his aunt and uncle in Springfield; and

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WHEREAS, After serving in Vietnam, he returned to Springfield to attend Lincoln Land Community College, where he met Sabra Martin; Sabra and Ed were married August 12, 1972, in Mason City; they had two daughters, Katrina Marie and Laura Anne; and

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WHEREAS, Ed was a Springfield Police officer for 27 years, retiring as a sergeant in 2003; shortly after retiring, he became a doorkeeper at the Illinois State Senate; he was also a karate instructor with the Kifaru School of Martial Arts and was an avid hunter of deer and turkey; Ed also enjoyed collecting and planting day lilies, riding his motorcycle, and was a bass drummer in the Springfield Highland Guard; and

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WHEREAS, Edward Bell is survived by wife, Sabra, and two

1 daughters, Katrina (husband, Stephen) Weber and Laura Bell;
2 Edward is also survived by an aunt and uncle in the Springfield
3 area, along with three sisters and several aunts and uncles in
4 Scotland; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
7 his family and friends, the passing of Edward H. Bell; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Edward H. Bell as a symbol of our
11 sincere sympathy.