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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 Ralph Spencer of Gillespie, who passed away on March 7, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Spencer was born on February 15, 1921 in Womak, near Carlinville; he was the son of Jesse H. and Mayme Spencer; he married Faye Coffey on February 15, 1942; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Spencer graduated from Carlinville High School in 1940; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Spencer and his wife had a long and distinguished career as purebred Duroc breeders; over the years, the pair sold purebred Durocs in 40 states and in over 50 countries; and

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WHEREAS, Ralph Spencer was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his work; in 1983, he received the Illinois Seedstock Producer Award; he was inducted into the Illinois Swine Producer's Hall of Fame in 1996 in recognition of his life-long dedication to the Illinois purebred industry; on August 17, 1998, "Ralph Spencer Day" was proclaimed by the Governor in recognition of his 60 years of exhibitions at the Illinois State Fair; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ralph Spencer was a member of numerous
2 organizations, including 4-H, the Macoupin County Fair Board,
3 the Macoupin County Pork Producers, the Illinois Duroc
4 Association, and the Illinois Pork Producer Association Board
5 of Directors; and

6 WHEREAS, Ralph Spencer was preceded in death by his parents
7 and his brothers, Donald and William; and

8 WHEREAS, Ralph Spencer is survived by his wife; his
9 daughter, Judy Spencer Dona and her husband, John; his son,
10 Jack Spencer and his wife, Betty; his sisters, Frances Barnes
11 and Mary Clark; his brother, Richard Spencer; his
12 grandchildren, Jackie Spencer, Jeffrey Spencer Dona and his
13 wife, Charlotte, Christy Spencer-Mull, Steven Spencer and his
14 wife, Tori, Jamie Dona, and John Dona; and his
15 great-grandchildren, Breanne and Carissa Mull and Katlyn and
16 Nathan Spencer; therefore, be it

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

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Ralph Spencer as an expression of
2 our sympathy.