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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 Milton J. Smith of Peoria, formerly of Farmer City, who passed away on March 18, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Milton Smith was born June 9, 1921, in Peoria, the son of Milton Brown and Sadie Predmore Smith; he married Dorcas J. Gelling on September 2, 1945, at the Gelling farm in Monica, and they honeymooned together at Wrigley Field watching the Chicago Cubs; and

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WHEREAS, He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, serving in the Southwest Pacific Theater; upon his return from the war, Milton farmed in Monica and was fertilizer manager for Stark Agriculture; he later moved to Farmer City, where he worked as a fertilizer manager in Harris and Broadwell; and

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WHEREAS, He was a past member and commander of the Princeville American Legion Post and a current member of the DeLand American Legion; he was a member and past worshipful master of the DeLand Masonic Lodge 812, AF&AM, and former worshipful master of the Princeville Lodge 360, AF&AM; he also belonged to the Illinois Rabbit Breeders Association and the Woodlawn Country Club in Farmer City; and

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1           WHEREAS, He was a DeWitt County Township supervisor and was  
2 a basketball referee in his early years, as well as a 4-H  
3 leader; he and his wife were members of the United Methodist  
4 Church of Farmer City, and they delivered Peace Meals through  
5 the Farmer City Senior Citizens Center; he was a diehard  
6 Chicago Cubs fan, enjoyed watching University of Illinois  
7 basketball games, and loved to bowl; he also enjoyed growing  
8 award-winning roses; and

9           WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorcas; his  
10 parents; and his granddaughter, Heather Smith; and

11           WHEREAS, He is survived by his son, Milton Curphy (Kathryn)  
12 Smith; his daughters, Bonnie Lee (Ron) Riffey, Jurretta Sue  
13 (Glenn) Huffman, Kimberly Rae (Douglas) Phillips, and Bernice  
14 Irene (Banyong) Bunyarattaphantu; 15 grandchildren; 14  
15 great-grandchildren; his brother, Arthur Gene (Joyce) Smith;  
16 and his many nieces and nephews; 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 Milton Smith; and be it  
20 further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Milton Smith as a symbol of our  
2 sincere sympathy.