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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Joseph F. Bernard of Antioch, who passed 4 away on February 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS, He was born September 6, 1932 in Libertyville, to Charles and Anna Bernard; his father, for whom Lake Charles in Libertyville was named, died of mustard gas poisoning in World War I before Joe was born; he was a Libertyville resident for most his life, residing in Antioch for the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, He was a 1950 graduate of Libertyville High School and attended Lake Forest College; he served in the United States Army and was a volunteer fireman for the Libertyville Fire Department; he was an avid card player and was a Life Member of the American Cribbage Congress, where he achieved the rank of Master 2 stars, was elected to the Cribbage Hall of Fame, and served as the Midwest Regional Manager; he was delighted to have recently won his favorite tournament in Raleigh, North Carolina and made many dear friends while playing in the circuit; and

WHEREAS, He loved fishing with his sons, kidding with his grandchildren, Snapple peach ice tea, Klondike bars, and word or number puzzles; and

- 1 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and a
- 2 nephew, "Chick" Bernard; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Joseph Bernard is survived by his wife, Cynthia;
- 4 his children, Cheryl (Ran) Davis, Pam (Glenn) Diedrich, Stephen
- 5 (Nancy) Bernard, and Chris (Jennifer) Bernard; his
- 6 grandchildren, Ashley and Alex Diedrich, Rebecca, Shaun, and
- 7 Leah Davis, and Ethan Bernard; his sister, Mary Ann (Jack)
- 8 Meyers; his brother, Charles "Jerry" (the late Ellie) Bernard;
- 9 and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
- 11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
- 12 his family and friends, the passing of Joseph Bernard; and be
- 13 it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to the family of Joseph F. Bernard as a symbol of our
- 16 sincere sympathy.