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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Sam Suitca, who passed away on April 2,
4 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Suitca was born in and was a lifelong resident
6 of Joliet; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Suitca served his country with pride and
8 distinction during World War II and the Korean Conflict as a
9 member of the United States Army; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Suitca was retired from Troutwine Beverage
11 Co., Budweiser, Independent Oil Co., Sumbaurn Cycle,
12 Goldblatt's, and United Liquor & Beverage Co.; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Suitca was a member of St. George Serbian
14 Orthodox Church, the S.S.S. Mita Topalovich choir, the Joliet
15 Noon Lions Club, the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #300, Old
16 Timers Baseball, Cantigny Post V.F.W. #367, the Serbian
17 National Federation Lodge #97, and the S.S.S. Karageorge Choir
18 of Merrillville, Indiana; he also held various board positions
19 on the Serbian Orthodox Choral Association; St. Sava Serbian
20 Orthodox Church of Joliet; St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
21 of Joliet, and the Joliet Noon Lion's Club; and

1 WHEREAS, Sam Suitca enjoyed woodworking and was an
2 instructor for the Adult Woodworking/Grandfather Clock class
3 at J.T. Central Campus; and

4 WHEREAS, Sam Suitca was preceded in death by his parents,
5 Marco and Milka (Grbich) Krivokucha Suitca; his sister, Sophie
6 (John) Hrehor; and his brothers, Steven (Tillie) and George
7 Suitca; and

8 WHEREAS, Sam Suitca is survived by his loving wife, Mary
9 Lou (Drobac) Suitca; his children, Cheryl (William) Ferguson,
10 Cathy L. (Dr. Thomas A.) Krupko, and Samuel R. (Barbara)
11 Suitca; his grandchildren, Nicholas and Matthew Kodrick,
12 Rachel Ferguson, Catherine (Josh) White, Thomas, Amy, Allison,
13 James, and Daniel Krupko, and Samuel, Daniel, and Robert
14 Suitca; his brother-in-law, Robert R. (Phyllis-deceased)
15 Drobac; his maternal aunt, Sophie (George-deceased) Rotkvich;
16 his numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, and
17 Kumovi; and his special nephews, Robert (Dianne) and Ronald
18 (Carol) Hrehor; therefore, be it

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

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