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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 Rudolph "Bud" Rolando of Farmington, who passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on July 22, 1924, in Farmington, to John and Alma Maria (Lenzi) Rolando; he married Kathleen (Kay) R. Settles on February 10, 1952, in Farmington; and

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WHEREAS, He worked as a coal miner at the Midland Coal Company, Middlegrove mine, Truax Traer mine in Fiatt, and Consolidated Coal Company mine near Norris; he loved operating bulldozers; he and his co-workers referred to themselves as Catskinners, referring to the Caterpillar equipment they operated; and

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WHEREAS, He was a World War II United States Army veteran, serving as a sergeant with the 70th Division in the European Theater of operations; he saw combat during the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Bronze Star, among other decorations; and

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WHEREAS, He was an avid sports fan, but was especially fond of track and field, in which he was a participant during his days at Farmington High School; he followed the sport for many

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1 years, traveling across the State to attend various track
2 meets; for over 30 years he was an avid golfer and member of
3 the Canton Country Club, and in later years when he could no
4 longer play, he enjoyed following the sport; and

5 WHEREAS, He enjoyed gardening; he was a member of the
6 United Mineworkers of America, St. Matthew's Catholic Church in
7 Farmington, where he attended faithfully, the Farmington
8 American Legion Post 140, and the 70th Division Trailblazers;
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10 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and one
11 brother, John; and

12 WHEREAS, Rudolph "Bud" Rolando is survived by his wife,
13 Kay; his son, Anthony V. (Diana); his grandson, Matthew C.
14 (Leah) Rolando; his pride and joy, his new great-grandson,
15 Carter William Rolando; and his sisters, Gloria McKeever,
16 Barbara (Don) Wright, and Joanne (William) Greenfield;
17 therefore, be it

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

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Rudolph "Bud" Rolando as a symbol of
3 our sincere sympathy.