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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 Charles William Eugene Simmons of East Alton, who passed away on February 12, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born November 17, 1923, in Carryville, Arkansas, the son of William and Nellie (Smith) Simmons; Charles had three older brothers, three older sisters, three younger brothers, one younger sister and a twin sister; and

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WHEREAS, He served in the United States Army during World War II; after the war he worked at Laclede Steel in Alton and was also a self-employed homebuilder; he married the former Vonda McGee on February 6, 1946, in St. Louis; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his four brothers, Richard, Lucas, Louie, and Luther; and his three sisters, Lena Atchison, Mahala James, and Orangie Todd; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Simmons is survived by his wife, Vonda; his four daughters and two sons; Lavon Rea, William Simmons and his wife, Carolyn, Sandra Neal, Sherry Simmons, M.D., Valerie Payne and her husband, the Reverend Gary Payne, and John Simmons and his wife, Jayne; his 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; his two brothers, Bill Simmons and his

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1 wife, Lettie, and David Simmons and his wife, Shirley; and his
2 two sisters, his twin, Charlene Sitzes, and Ruth Dowd and her
3 husband, James "Jim" Dowd; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 his family and friends, the passing of Charles Simmons; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Charles Simmons as a symbol of our
10 sincere sympathy.