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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 Louis Edward Whitsell of Pontoon Beach, who passed away on September 13, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Granite City on July 30, 1936; he lived in Pontoon Beach most of his life until he retired and moved in 1999 to a mini farm in Worden; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from Granite City High School in 1955; he served in United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1957 to 1962; he attended Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and Lincoln Tech; he was a Tool and Die Maker for 46 years; and

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WHEREAS, He was very active in politics and the Democratic party; he held elected office in many positions in Madison County, Nameoki Township, and Pontoon Beach; from 1968 to 1999 he served in different capacities as a Supervisor, County Board Member, Clerk, Treasurer, Alderman, Comptroller, Highway Superintendent, Precinct Committeeman; he was a member of Masonic Lodge 877, the Lions Club, and the Township Officials of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in his death by his mother, Louise

1 (Frazier) Whitsell; his father; Elmon Whitsell; his sisters,
2 Edith Whitsell McClusky and Mary Lou (Whitsell) Smith; his
3 brother, David Whitsell; and his grandchild, Chad Petrillo; and

4 WHEREAS, Louis Whitsell is survived by his wife, Dell
5 (O'Brian) Whitsell; his daughters, Debra and Mercie Mendoza,
6 Deanna (Whitsell) Spears, Cindy Stoner, Susan Sparks, and
7 Judith and Lance Haynes; his sisters, Shirley (Whitsell) Sims,
8 Sandy (Whitsell) Riffey, and Ginny (Whitsell) Bettis; his
9 brother, Jimmy Whitsell; his grandchildren, Natalie
10 (Zimmerman) Furniss, Jessica (Jones) Daniels, Samuel Stoner,
11 Mallory Stoner, Molly Haynes, and Zackary Louis Sparks; and his
12 great-grandchildren, Callie Daniels and Ava Daniels;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
16 his family and friends, the passing of Louis Whitsell; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Louis Whitsell as a symbol of our
20 sincere sympathy.