

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Junior B.
4 "Lefty" Ayres of Wood River on September 5, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ayres was born October 6, 1922 in
6 Jerseyville, Illinois to the late Lee Roy and Frezia
7 (Stoeckel) Ayres; he married Laverna (Baker) Ayers in August
8 1942 in Alton; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Ayres retired after 33 years of service as a
10 salesman for WonderBread and later worked for Wedge Bank for
11 15 years; the United States Army veteran served his country
12 during World War II in the Panama Canal Zone and is a member
13 of the Alton V.F.W. Post #1308 and Alton American Legion Post
14 #126, the Alton Eagles Aerie #254, the Teamsters Local 525,
15 the Upper Alton Baptist Church, and the Western Star Lodge #1
16 I.O.O.F., where he was a recipient of his fifty year pin; and

17 WHEREAS, His favorite pasttimes were baseball, softball,
18 bowling, fishing, and hunting; he was the Baseball Chairman
19 for the American Legion Post 126 baseball program from 1972
20 until 2002 and recently had a batting cage at Gordon Moore
21 Park dedicated in his honor; he was also a past precinct
22 committeeman for the City of Alton; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Ayres's passing will be deeply felt by his
24 daughter, June Naugle; his two sons and a daughter-in-law,
25 Bowen Ayres, and Dr. David and Nancy Ayres; his foster son,
26 Dr. Dai Ping; his grandchildren, Sheri and Rocco Ameduri, and
27 Clay Naugle; his foster grandchildren, Alicia Ping, Jessica
28 and Kevin Mills, David and Karen Ping, and Mary and Joshua
29 Hipsher; his great grandchildren, Tara and Vincent Ameduri;
30 his brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Harriett Ayres; his
31 sister, Dardanella Boker; and other extended family and many
32 dear friends; and

1 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth
2 Woodman; and a son-in-law, Robert Naugle; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
5 Junior B. "Lefty" Ayres along with all who knew and loved him
6 and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Junior B. "Lefty" Ayres as an
10 expression of our deepest sympathy.