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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Eugene H. "Gene" Rawhoof of Zion on Thursday, March 4, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rawhoof was born on October 15, 1923 in Hardin County and spent his early years in Pope County; he valiantly served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II; he was with the Third Fleet aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rawhoof moved to Lake County in 1946, where he married his wife, Virginia, in 1949; he worked at Manville Corporation in Waukegan for several years before being elected Business Representative of the International Chemical Workers Union (ICWU) Local 60; and

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WHEREAS, In 1968, Mr. Rawhoof became International Representative for ICWU, a position he held until retirement in 1988; during this time, he also served in many positions with the AFL-CIO, including president of the Lake County AFL-CIO Council (now Northeastern Illinois Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO), chairman of the tenth congressional district COPE, and Senior Consultant with the Illinois State AFL-CIO; and

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WHEREAS, In recent years, Mr. Rawhoof served as an officer in the Illinois Dunesland Preservation Society, a 60-year-old organization devoted to the preservation, protection, and improvement of Illinois Beach State Park, Lake Michigan, and the surrounding area; he was active in many community organizations, including as a member of Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zion, as a former chairman of the Zion Police & Fire Commission, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lake County Community Action Program and the Lake County Council on Alcoholism, as a member of the Lake

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1 County Governmental Study Commission II, as a volunteer for
2 numerous Red Cross and United Way campaigns, and as a member of
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4 organization, the Alliance for Retired Americans (ARA), and
5 AARP; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Rawhoof was a driving force within the
7 Democratic Party, serving as a precinct committeeman for many
8 years, a delegate to the 1988 Democratic Nominating Convention,
9 and an officer of the Lake County Democratic Central Committee;
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11 WHEREAS, The passing of Eugene H. "Gene" Rawhoof has been
12 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Virginia H. (nee
13 Riske) Rawhoof; his children, Donald E. Rawhoof and Sandra A.
14 (Gary) Kern; his grandsons, Gary Dale and Travis Eugene Kern;
15 his sisters, Madeline Carr, Catherine (Don) Riley, Ann
16 (William) Robinson, Doris (Donny) Millis, Loris (Eugene)
17 Walker, Violet Wyber, and Sandra and Celia Cornell; his
18 brothers, Curtis (Betty) Carman, Everette Carman, Herschel
19 (Francis) Carman, Hubert (Charlene) Carman, Wendell (Linda)
20 Carman, Jerry (Bonnie) Carman, Vivia Jim Cornell, and Marvin
21 Cornell; his aunt, Alta Hubbard; and his many nieces, nephews,
22 and friends; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
25 Eugene H. "Gene" Rawhoof, and we extend our deepest sympathy to
26 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
29 presented to the family of Eugene H. "Gene" Rawhoof as an
30 expression of our sincere condolences.