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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 Vincent A. Tepen of Batchtown, who passed away on January 22, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Vincent Tepen was born on July 19, 1931 in Hardin; he was the son of the late Henry and Margaret (Knese) Tepen; he married Wanda F. Dixon on February 8, 1958 in Hardin; and

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WHEREAS, Vincent Tepen graduated from Calhoun High School in 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Vincent Tepen was employed as a beer truck driver for Dixon Distributors in Godfrey until his retirement in 1984; he was a member of the Teamsters Local 525 in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Vincent Tepen and his wife owned and operated the Apple Blossom Tavern and Restaurant for 10 years; and

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WHEREAS, Vincent Tepen was elected and served as county commissioner of Calhoun for 20 years, 19 years as chairman, and was reelected for a six year term in November of 2008; he served on the Calhoun County Unit 40 School Board for 13 years; he also served on the Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation Board, the Job Center Board, the Illinois

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1 Association of County Boards, the Calhoun County Health Board,  
2 the Calhoun County Ambulance Board, and served as chairman of  
3 the West Central Development Council Board; and

4 WHEREAS, Vincent Tepen was a member of St. Norbert's  
5 Catholic Church in Hardin and a charter member of the Knights  
6 of Columbus Council 4417, where he was a fourth degree member  
7 and past Grand Knight; and

8 WHEREAS, Vincent Tepen was preceded in death by his  
9 parents; his brother, Gerald Tepen; and his grandson, Tyler  
10 Tepen; and

11 WHEREAS, Vincent Tepen is survived by his wife; his  
12 daughter, Veronica Tepen; his sons, Jeff (Kim) Tepen, Joe  
13 (Angie) Tepen, Jim (Johna) Tepen, and John "Fred" Tepen; his  
14 grandchildren, Derek, Shawn, Amber, and Brittney Tepen; his  
15 step-grandchildren, Brad (Nicole) Hagen, Tara (Steve)  
16 Beauchamp, Nikki and Nathasha Jones, and Kayla and Kyle  
17 Johnson; his six step-great-grandchildren; and his brothers,  
18 Henry (Judy) Tepen and Steve (Melba) Tepen; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
21 his family and friends, the passing of Vincent A. Tepen; and be  
22 it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Vincent Tepen as an expression of  
3 our sympathy.