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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 Russell Gene Pollitt of Danville, who passed away on June 6, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Pollitt was born on June 7, 1932, in Danville; his parents were Russell L. and Clara N. Pollitt; he married Sue McQuown on August 15, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Pollitt graduated from Danville High School in 1950; he subsequently attended the University of Illinois until he was called to serve in the United States Army; and

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WHEREAS, Following his stint in the Army, Russell Pollitt was employed as a sales representative for General Electric from 1955 to 1987; he then became the southern U.S. regional sales manager for Valmont's ballast department until his retirement in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Pollitt was a member of Second Church of Christ in Danville and the Kiwanis Noon Club; he was a past president of the Red Mask Theater; he also served on the Vermilion County Board and was a past board member for the Salvation Army and the Women's Care Clinic; and

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1           WHEREAS, Russell Pollitt was an avid sports fan and enjoyed  
2 the Cincinnati Reds, the Dallas Cowboys and the Mavericks, the  
3 Danville Dans, and the Danville Vikings; he also enjoyed  
4 attending the Danville Symphony Orchestra events, reading  
5 books, playing bridge, talking politics, and spending time with  
6 his kids and grandkids; and

7           WHEREAS, Russell Pollitt was preceded in death by his  
8 parents; and

9           WHEREAS, Russell Pollitt is survived by his wife; his son,  
10 Jeffrey Pollitt; his daughters, Kim (Gene) Grubb and Deb  
11 (Randy) Brinegar; his grandchildren, Amy (Neal) George, Aaron  
12 Brinegar, Emily (Daniel) Chappell, Sarah (Zach) Elbers, Mike  
13 Grubb, Danielle Grubb, Katelyn Grubb, and Drew Grubb; and his  
14 great-granddaughter, Kate George; therefore, be it

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

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Russell Pollitt as an expression of  
21 our sympathy.