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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 Gary A. Weston of Vienna on Saturday, April 24, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Gary A. Weston was born April 14, 1952, in Anna to Edward 'Jiggs' Weston and Christine (Aldred) Weston; he was a 1970 graduate of Meridian High School, and he was united in marriage to Nina E. (Whiteside) on December 16, 1972, in Mounds; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Weston retired in May 2002 with 30 years service with the Illinois Department of Corrections; he had attained the rank of Correctional Captain in 1990 then was promoted to the rank of Southern Team Leader for Standards and Accreditation; he was a member and certified auditor with the American Correctional Association and the Illinois Correctional Association; he was also a member of the Correctional Accreditation Managers Association; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Weston was presently employed by Dyn Corp International with the United Nations as an International Police Officer/Corrections serving in Kosovo; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Weston was a member of the Cairo Baptist Church and had a very strong faith; he locally attended Gilead Church near Simpson; he was an avid outdoorsman and sportsman; he especially enjoyed golfing, tennis, basketball, hunting, and fishing; he had been a fan of the New York Jets since the days of Joe Namath; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Gary A. Weston has been deeply felt by his wife, Nina E.; his mother, Christine Weston; his son, Richard N. Weston; his daughters, Rachel A. Weston and Elizabeth E. Weston; his grandchildren, Trey, Derek, Heather,

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1 Dalton, and Parker; his brothers, Ben and wife Jan Weston and
2 Ed and wife Susan Weston; his sister, Melinda and husband Ron
3 White; his mother-in-law, Marilyn Whiteside; and his many
4 nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Gary A. Weston, who valiantly gave his life while trying to
8 help others; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Gary A. Weston as an expression of
11 our sincerest condolences during their time of bereavement.