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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois mourn the death of Howard L. Sims of Pana who passed away on May 8, 2004; and

WHEREAS, He was born May 6, 1926, in Tower Hill, the son of Howard W. and Geneva Haverstock Sims; he married Myrtle L. Denton in 1947 in Pana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sims graduated from Pana Township High School and the Police Training Institute at Champaign; he served as chief of police in Pana from 1971-75; he worked as a deputy sheriff of the Christian County Sheriff's Office from 1975 until his retirement in 1993; he served as chief deputy from 1998-2000; in addition, he was a certified state electrical hosting engineer and a retired cement finisher of International OP&CMIA; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of Pana VFW Post 4431 and Oconee Roy Ireland American Legion Post 317; he was a charter member of the Illinois Sheriff's Association and a charter and life member of AMVETS Post 44; he was a charter member of the Full Gospel Church in Pana, where he held several positions, including board member, trustee, youth leader, and Sunday school teacher; Mr. Sims was a United States Marine Corps and Reserves veteran of World War II, serving in the central Pacific area; he also served as a drill instructor during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Howard L. Sims will be deeply felt by his wife, Myrtle; his five sons, Larry (wife, Cheryl) Sims, Randy (wife, Annette) Sims, Greg (wife, Lisa) Sims, Brad (wife, Sharon) Sims, and Tim (wife, Lisa) Sims; his 17 grandchildren; his 8 great-grandchildren; his 2 brothers, Lyle Sims and Rev. Dale Sims; and his 3 sisters, Ida Mae Bland, Geneva Denton, and

1 Eula Suey; and

2 WHEREAS, His son, Gary Leon Sims, preceded him in death;
3 therefore, be it

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

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Howard L. Sims as a token of our
11 deepest sympathy.