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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 Howard L. Sims of Pana on Saturday, May 8, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Sims was born on May 6, 1926, in Tower Hill to Howard W. and Geneva Haverstock Sims; he was a graduate of Pana Township High School and of the Police Training Institute in Champaign; he married Myrtle L. Denton on May 9, 1947, in Pana; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Sims was appointed Chief of Police in Pana on July 1, 1971, and served in that capacity until August 31, 1975, when he joined the Christian County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff; he retired on January 31, 1993; he came out of retirement on December 1, 1998, at the request of Sheriff Bob Kindermann, to be the Chief Deputy; he stayed in this position until March 31, 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Sims was a certified State of Illinois electrical hoisting engineer and a retired cement finisher of the International OP&CMIA; he was a charter member of the Illinois Sheriff's Association, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4431, Pana, a charter and life member of Amvets Post #44, Pana, and a member of Roy Ireland American Legion Post #317, Oconee; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Sims loved camping, fishing, and gardening; he was a charter member of the Full Gospel Church, Pana, later known as the First United Pentecostal Church; he was very active and had held several positions in the church, including board member and trustee, Sunday School teacher, youth leader, choir member, special singer, and member of the orchestra; he played a big part in the construction of all the buildings owned by the church; and

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1           WHEREAS, Mr. Sims valiantly served his country during World  
2 War II in the United States Marines; he went through boot camp  
3 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California; he  
4 served overseas, beginning in August of 1994, first at Pearl  
5 Harbor, then Majuro, Kwajalein, Roi-Namur, and Eniwetok; he was  
6 in Kwajalein when the war ended, and he returned to the U.S. in  
7 1945; he was stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina, until  
8 his discharge in 1946; he served in the reserves until he was  
9 recalled into active duty during the Korean conflict on  
10 February 2, 1951; he went to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and  
11 then to Paris Island, South Carolina, where he served as a  
12 drill instructor until his discharge on February 2, 1952; and

13           WHEREAS, The passing of Howard L. Sims has been deeply felt  
14 by many, especially his wife, Myrtle; his sons, Larry Sims and  
15 wife Cheryl, Randy Sims and wife Annette, Greg Sims and wife  
16 Lisa, Brad Sims and wife Sharon, and Tim Sims and wife Lisa;  
17 his 17 grandchildren; his 8 great-grandchildren; his brothers,  
18 Lyle Sims and Reverend Dale Sims; his sisters, Ida Mae Bland,  
19 Geneva Denton, and Eula Suey; therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
22 Howard L. Sims, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his  
23 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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25           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
26 presented to the family of Howard L. Sims as an expression of  
27 our sincere condolences during their time of bereavement.