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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois
3 learned with regret of the death of Edward B. "Duke" Blair Sr.
4 of Alton on Monday, May 17, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Blair was born on June 20, 1922, in Alton to
6 Louis and Evelyn (Kramer) Blair; he and the former Evelyn
7 Winchell were married July 2, 1945, at St. Mary's Catholic
8 Church in Alton; she preceded him in death on August 31, 2002;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Blair graduated from Alton High School in
11 1940, and he graduated in 1947 from the Missouri School of
12 Mines and Metallurgy with a Bachelor of Science degree; he was
13 employed for 34 years at Laclede Steel as a chief metallurgist,
14 retiring in 1981; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Blair valiantly served his country during
16 World War II in the United States Army and was a member of
17 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1308 of Alton; and

18 WHEREAS, The passing of Edward B. "Duke" Blair Sr. has been
19 deeply felt by many, especially his sons and daughters-in-law,
20 Dr. Edward and Barbara Blair Jr. and Steven and Nancy Blair
21 Sr.; his daughter, Barbara Hasse; his grandchildren, J. Robert
22 Hasse II and his wife, Beth, Blair Hasse, Rachel, Lindsay,
23 Regan, Lauren, and Steven Blair Jr.; his great-grandchildren,
24 Sara and Stephen Hasse; his beloved pet dachshund, Hans; and
25 his many other family members and friends; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
28 Edward "Duke" Blair Sr., and we extend our deepest sympathy to
29 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
30 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Edward "Duke" Blair Sr. as an
3 expression of our sincere condolences.