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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 Edward D. Cox of Galesburg on Saturday, March 12, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on August 7, 1921, in Gilmer, Texas, to Grover Cleveland and Hattie Maud Childress Cox; he married F. Elizabeth Polson on November 21, 1945, in Glasgow, Kentucky; she preceded him in death on December 27, 2000; he was also preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and two sisters; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cox valiantly served his country as a member of the 83rd Infantry of the U.S. Army during World War II; he fought in Five Star Campaign, the Battle of the Bulge, and the Invasion of Normandy, landing on Utah Beach on D-Day; he received a Purple Heart and five Bronze Stars; and

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WHEREAS, He worked for Illinois Power Company for 36 years, retiring in 1982; he was baptized in First Christian Church in Kentucky; he was a member of the Ralph M. Noble American Legion Post 285; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Edward D. Cox has been deeply felt by many, especially his son, Daryl (and Pamela) Cox; his daughter, Gwen (and Don) Owen; his seven grandchildren; and his two great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Edward D. Cox, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
2 sympathy for their loss.