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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 Denzil R. Walker of Herrin on Friday, May 13, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on July 12, 1933, in Herrin, to Floyd "Grassy" and Fern (Compton) Walker; he was a standout football player at Herrin High School in the 1950s and was a member of the Class of 1951; he was inducted into the Herrin High School Hall of Fame in 1997; and

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WHEREAS, He married Adeline (Toigo) in Marion on November 13, 1964; he was the retired vice president, CEO of the Bank of Herrin and a longtime Herrin businessman, retiring in 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Walker valiantly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during the Korean War; he was a member of the Herrin Elks, Pigion Inn, the American Legion, Rotary Club, the Herrin Chamber of Commerce, First United Methodist Church, and he served on the Herrin Civic Center Board; he enjoyed golfing at Franklin County Country Club and Crab Orchard Golf Course; and

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WHEREAS, He was very active in the Herrin community and played an important role in numerous projects, including helping to organize the Herrinfesta Italiana Golf Tournament; volunteer work was a way of life for him; in 2001, he was honored by the Herrin Spokesman as one of the area's Unsung Heroes; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Denzil R. Walker has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Adeline Walker; his daughters, Delina and her husband Peter Nugent, Holly and her husband Vern Larkin, and Kelly King; his six grandchildren; his one great-grandchild; his brothers, Jerry and his wife Joyce

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1 Walker and Gordon and his wife Sylvia Walker; and his many  
2 aunts, cousins, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and  
3 nephews; he was preceded in death by his parents; therefore, be  
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5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Denzil R. Walker, and we extend our sincere condolences to his  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
12 sympathy.