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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 James C. "J.C." Kirk of Herrin on Monday, June 6, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on December 31, 1926, in Herrin, to Paul and Lena (Bofetta) Kirk; he valiantly served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Las Vegas Victory from 1944 to 1946; he was a member of the American Legion Post 645 of Herrin, the Baker-Ladd VFW Post 1567 of Herrin, and the Teamsters Union; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk was a tax preparer and also worked for the City of Herrin as water superintendent, director of the Herrin Ambulance Service, and water quality control manager from 1981 until his retirement; he remained actively involved in community service after his retirement; prior to his employment with the City of Herrin, he worked for Mitchell Construction in Herrin; and

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WHEREAS, His passing has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife of 58 years, Zella Jeneece Kirk; his daughter, Jeneece Bishop, and her children, Daniel L. Bishop and Julie C. Bishop-Johanson, and her children, Ashleigh, Breanna, and Jacob Johanson; his son, Jim C. Kirk, and his wife, Sue, and his children, T. Nicole and Jordan C. Kirk; his daughter, Tammy S. Kirk; his sister, Pauline Mory, and her husband, Al, and children, Paul William Kirk and Judy Mullikin; his sister-in-law, June Kirk, and her children, Donna Draper and Billie Spooner; his niece, Karen Cain; and his special friends, Gregg Ethridge, John Berra, Chanh Nguyen, and his beloved pet, Oreo; he was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Geraldine Calcaterra, and his brother, William Kirk; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 James C. "J.C." Kirk, and we extend our sincere condolences to
4 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
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6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
8 sympathy.