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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Al Oxford of Johnston City on Tuesday, June 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born on January 6, 1943, in Hardin County to Gilbert and Cora (Ralph) Oxford; he married Iolanda (Serena) on April 27, 1977, in Harrisburg; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oxford was a retired coal miner, last working at Rend Lake Consolidated Coal in 2003, and was a union representative for the United Mine Workers of America; he was a veteran of the Cuban Missile Crisis Bay of Pigs from 1960 to 1963, serving in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the Lake Creek Masonic Lodge and a board member of the F.R.C.; he was a Democratic Precinct Committeeman, had served on the Johnston City School Board, and had been a Johnston City alderman; he was member of the Hurricane Memorial Baptist Church of Herrin, where he served as a Trustee and a Yokefellow; he was a member of the Buccaneer's Club of Johnston City; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Al Oxford has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Iolanda; his son, Brian Oxford and wife Shelley; his daughter, Tonya Oxford Greenrod; his grandchildren, Ryan Oxford, Courtney Oxford, Kayleigh Oxford, Aaron Pogue, and Kaci Pogue; his sister, Wanda Cash; his brother, Russell Oxford and wife Jackie; his sister, Alma Gross and husband Harold; his sister, Betty Cash and husband Ed; his brother, Harry Oxford and wife Jane; his brother Dave Oxford; and his many nieces and nephews; he was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Winford and Kenny Oxford; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Al Oxford, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family,
4 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to his family as an expression of our sincere
7 condolences for the loss of their loved one.