



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois  
3 learned with sadness of the death of James "Jim" O. Lance of  
4 Benton on July 9, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, He was born in Rend City on May 27, 1921, the son  
6 of Edward and Addie (Little) Lance; he married Billie (Adams)  
7 Lance on October 21, 1978 in Benton; and

8 WHEREAS, He was a coal miner at Orient 2 before relocating  
9 to Chicago, where he retired from Western Electric in 1976; he  
10 was a World War II veteran, having served in the Tunisian,  
11 Algeria, French-Moroccan, Naples-Foggrio, and Rome-Arno  
12 Campaigns; he was an ammunition bearer of heavy mortars, as a  
13 member of the 3rd Infantry Division making the first beach  
14 landing in North Africa; and

15 WHEREAS, He was a member of American Legion and faithfully  
16 attended Flatts Baptist Church in Benton; he was a good man who  
17 was loved by many; and

18 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his  
19 sisters, Clara, Beulah, and Audrey; his brother, Raymond; his  
20 first wife, Mary Zivich; his special niece, Mona (Adams) Ing;  
21 and his great-nephew, Christopher Adams; and

22 WHEREAS, The passing of James Lance is felt by all who knew  
23 and loved him, especially his wife, Billie; his nieces and  
24 nephews; his special nieces, Pam (Adams) Rusher, Jeanette  
25 (Booten) Trotter, and Carol Jean (Adams) Martin; his special  
26 nephews, Martin Adams, David Rusher, Nelson Adams, and Larry  
27 Lance; his sister-in-law, Beulah Lance; and his very special  
28 great-niece Kate "Katie" Rusher; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 James Lance and extend our sincerest condolences to his family  
3 and friends; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
6 sympathy.