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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Harold Schmeilski of Peoria on August 5, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Schmeilski was born July 23, 1931 in Peoria, to William and Dorothy Roberts Schmeilski; he married Jean J. Pitcher on February 28, 1953 in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, He was a Marine Corps veteran; he received an associate degree from Illinois Central College; he was a member of the Retired Fire Fighters Association; he served with the Peoria Fire Department for more than 30 years, retiring as chief in 1983; he went on to serve as the State Fire Marshal for Illinois and last worked with the Illinois Department of Transportation as a business services manager; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of Masonic Lodge 930, A.F. & A.M., Limestone American Legion Post 979, the Amvets, the Elks Lodge, and Carpenters Local 183; he was an honorary member of University of Oklahoma Hockey Club; he supported the Marantha Baptist Church in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his brother; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Harold Schmeilski is felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Jean; his sons, William (Veronica) and Steven; his daughter, Kim Schmeilski-Fager; his sisters, Shirley (Ted) Schmitt, Harriett (Russell Phillips) Weber, and Mary (William) Sandlin; and his five grandchildren and one great-grandson; 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 Harold Schmeilski and extend our sincerest condolences to his

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1 family, friends, and community; and be it further

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