



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois
3 learned with sadness of the death of William Howard Davis of
4 McClure on July 29, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was born January 23, 1916, in Cape
6 Girardeau, to Jeff and Nora Seabaugh Davis; he married Gladys
7 Davis on January 1, 1940, in St. Louis; and

8 WHEREAS, He was a self-employed farmer for more than 64
9 years, farming west of Cape Girardeau and in Chaffee, Missouri;
10 he moved north of McClure in 1948, and was still farming with
11 his sons and grandsons at Davis Farms on Illinois 3; he raised
12 cattle and row crops; he served as commissioner on the Drainage
13 and Levee Committee for 20 years, and was a member of Grace
14 United Methodist Church; he had a place at Bennett Springs,
15 Missouri, for trout fishing for nine years; and

16 WHEREAS, The passing of William Davis is felt by all who
17 knew and loved him, especially his wife, Gladys; his sons, Bill
18 and Linda Davis and Tom and Martha Davis; his brother, Wilmer
19 Davis; his grandsons, Marty Davis, Drew Davis, Matt Davis, and
20 Joe Davis; and his great-grandchildren, Tyler, Allyssa, and
21 Megan Davis; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
24 William Davis and extend our sincerest condolences to his
25 family, friends, and community; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
28 sympathy.