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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Walter H. "Wuzzy" Meister of Peoria on Tuesday, August 16, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meister was born on May 24, 1931, in Peoria to David W. Sr. and Lillian M. Kaufman Meister; he married Jean A. Watkins on November 23, 1964, in Eureka; and

WHEREAS, He valiantly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during the Korean War; he was the founder and owner of Meister Plumbing, where he worked until he retired in 2003; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of Sheridan Road Apostolic Christian Church in Peoria; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Walter Meister has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Jean; his son, Raymond (and Eileen); his daughters, Renee (and Michael) Brown and Gay Closen; his six grandchildren, including Brooke Closen, whom he raised; and his brother, Ed (and Bernie); he was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Walter H. "Wuzzy" Meister, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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