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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Lyman L. Bennis Sr. of Benton on Monday, January 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, He was born on January 1, 1925 in Benton to George Henry and Cora Mae (Williams) Bennis; he was a member of the Church of God in Logan; and

WHEREAS, He valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II; he was a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Benton, and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Benton and Marion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennis was a coal miner for more than 20 years and a member of the United Mine Workers of America; he also owned and operated the Kewpee Café in Benton and the Illinois 37 Motel in West Frankfort for several years; he loved to watch his sons play football and enjoyed dancing and playing golf; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Lyman L. Bennis Sr. has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Virginia (Bozovich) Bennis, whom he married December 24, 1995; his daughter, Mary Anne Kline; his sons, Lyman Bennis Jr. and wife, Jane, James Bennis and wife, Beth, Dennis Bennis and wife, Debbie, Michael Bennis and wife, Lisa, and Stephen Bennis; his stepdaughters, Tammy Young, and Karen James and husband, Kenneth; his stepsons, Warren Rice and wife, Karen, and Don Rice and wife, Ruth; his sister, Georgia Sandusky and husband, Kenny; his grandsons, Adam Bennis, Eric Bennis and wife, Lora, and Jeremy Bennis; his granddaughters, Julie Greisz and husband, Mike, Angela Wray and husband, Pat, Deni Bennis and fiancé, Paule Stallons, Jamie Guzman, Lacey Owens and husband, Justin, Shauna Bennis, and

1 Nikita Bennis; his stepgrandchildren, Ben Rice and wife,  
2 Heather, Josia and Nicholas Rice, Kushaiah Mercado, Douglas  
3 Overturf, and Adam Overturf and wife, Angie; his  
4 great-grandchildren, Caleb Garascia, Logan Gayer, Monica  
5 Guzman, Braden and Riley Bennis and Zach Wray; his six  
6 great-stepgrandchildren; and his many friends; he was preceded  
7 in death by his parents and his first wife, Margaret (Smith)  
8 Bennis, who passed away December 15,1993; his sister, Minnie  
9 Burlison; and brother, Luther Williams; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Lyman L. Bennis Sr., and we extend our deepest sympathy to his  
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest  
17 condolences.