



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois  
3 learned with regret of the death of Gerald Leon Hall, Sr., of  
4 Tunnel Hill on Friday, February 10, 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Hall was born on September 6, 1930, in Marion  
6 to Flossie Pauline (Watson) and Noel Iber Hall; he was a 1950  
7 graduate of Galatia High School; and

8 WHEREAS, After graduation, Mr. Hall joined the United  
9 States Marine Corps and proudly served during the Korean  
10 conflict as an intelligence analyst; upon his honorable  
11 discharge from the Marine Corps, he spent nine years working at  
12 the EEI steam generating plant at Joppa; and

13 WHEREAS, On June 9th, 1956, Mr. Hall married Shirley Joann  
14 Bullock-Smith at Dixon Springs Methodist Church; the couple was  
15 married for nearly fifty years; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1963, Mr. Hall joined the startup crew at the  
17 SIPC steam generating plant on Lake of Egypt as an auxiliary  
18 operator; in 1997, he retired from SIPC with thirty-four years  
19 of service as the 'D' shift supervisor; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1974, the Halls bought Bullock's General Store  
21 in Grantsburg; the couple successfully ran the store until 1981  
22 when all of their children had left the nest; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Hall loved to hunt and fish and did so when he  
24 had time and was able; he was a member of Fountain United  
25 Methodist Church in Marion, his home church, but regularly  
26 attended Taylor United Methodist Church near Vienna; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Hall was an AINAD Shriner, Scottish Rite Royal  
28 Arch Mason, and a member of the Grand Order of the Sword of

1 Bunker Hill; and

2 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his  
3 father-in-law, Hillis Bullock; his brother, M. Bruce Hall; and  
4 his son, John E. Smith Jr.; and

5 WHEREAS, The passing of Gerald Leon Hall, Sr. has been  
6 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Shirley Joann; his  
7 mother-in-law, Mary Helen Bullock; his brothers, Noel Ehud  
8 Hall, Maurice Iber Hall, and Forrest Watson (Glenda) Hall; his  
9 in-laws, Al and Jeanne Branche, Henry and Frances Gerald Hall  
10 Bullock, Sue Jenkins, and Dennis and Patricia Reiter; his son,  
11 Gerald (Gerry) Hall Jr.; his daughters, Susan Joy Padilla and  
12 Jill Ann Hall; his grandchildren, Elisa Joann Hall and John  
13 Paul (Kasey) Hall; his great-grandchildren, Aidan Leon Hall and  
14 Kaidence Rashel Hall; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews,  
15 and friends, all of whom he loved dearly; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Gerald Leon Hall, Sr., and we extend our sincerest condolences  
19 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
23 sympathy for their loss.