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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Robert R. "Bob" Gearing of Alton on Wednesday, April 12, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on May 2, 1916, in Alton to Roy E. and Cecilia (Rothacher) Gearing; he married Genarose M. Hagen on October 4, 1947, at the former St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Gearing proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during World War II in Africa and France; he received several decorations and citations and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, He owned and operated Gearing Heating and Cooling in Alton for many years; after retiring, he enjoyed his part-time position transporting police vehicles for the Alton Police Department; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Alton 254, American Legion Alton Post 126, Veterans of Foreign Wars Alton Post 1308, and the Franklin Masonic Lodge 25; and

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WHEREAS, He will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many; he enjoyed all sports, playing cards, and spending quality time with his grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Robert R. "Bob" Gearing has been deeply felt by many, especially his beloved wife of 58 years, Genarose; his daughters and son-in-law, Barbara K. Gearing, Linda C. Haar, and Nancy G. and Steve Blair; his grandchildren, Keith R. Haar, Kari E. Haar, Katie R. Haar, Rachel L. Blair, Regan C. Blair, and Steven L. Blair, Jr.; his other extended

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1 family; and his many friends; he was preceded in death by his  
2 parents and his sister, Noel Fossieck; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 Robert R. "Bob" Gearing, and we extend our sincere condolences  
6 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
7 it further

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