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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 William Kevin "Bill" Connell of Alton on Friday, May 12, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on September 8, 1927, in Alton to William Kevin and Marie (Delehanty) Connell Sr.; he married Irene Gertrude Moore on September 3, 1949; she preceded him in death on January 3, 1983; he married Margene (Dunn) Wade on April 12, 1985, at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated in 1945 from Marquette Catholic High School in Alton and went on to attend Saint Louis University; he valiantly served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Before his retirement in 1986 from customer services, Mr. Connell was employed for 40 years at Shell Oil Refinery in Wood River; he was a long-time member of the former Saint Matthews Catholic Church, where he proudly served as an usher and on the parish board and Saint Vincent DePaul Society; he was a charter member of A.V.E.C. (Alton Volunteer Emergency Corps), a third-degree member of the Knights of Columbus Alton Council 460, and was a member of Kiwanis International; he was active in the Alton Centennial and Sesquicentennial and enjoyed square-dancing with the Jersey County Squares; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of William Kevin "Bill" Connell has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Margene; his son and daughter-in-law, Michael Kevin and Jane Connell; his stepdaughter and her husband, Ronda and Ron Bell; his stepson and his wife, Ed and Melanie Wade; his 11 grandchildren; his brothers and sister-in-law, James Connell and Richard and Gloria Connell; and his numerous nieces and nephews, other extended family, and many friends; in addition to his wife and

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1 parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Carlson;  
2 his stepmother, Mary "Pat" (Roberts) Connell Long; and his  
3 stepfather, Ed Long; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
6 William Kevin "Bill" Connell, and we extend our sincere  
7 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
8 him; and be it further

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