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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Robert A. Ferrari of Herrin, who passed away on January 31, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Ferrari was born in Royalton on November 16, 1929, the son of Domenico and Mary (Colo) Ferrari; he married Shirley R. Gulley on September 19, 1977, in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

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WHEREAS, Robert received a Bachelor of Science degree and Master's degree in mathematics from Southern Illinois University; he was a teacher and coach at Johnston City High School and Herrin High School; he started Herrin Sheet Metal in the early 1950s; he purchased WJPF Radio in 1966, sold the radio station, but returned to radio in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrari developed Cambridge Manor Apartments and the Melody Acres Subdivision in Herrin; he was an avid runner, competing in multiple marathons, most importantly in the St. Louis and Boston marathons and multiple River to River Relays; he was one of the founding members of the River to River Running Association; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrari organized the fundraising and

1 promotion of the Coal Miners Memorial in Herrin; he was the
2 co-owner of Lombard Cafe in Herrin; he was the president of
3 Herrinfesta Italiana for the past 10 years and assisted in the
4 development of the bocce courts and pavilions; he served as
5 past president of the Herrin Chamber of Commerce and was
6 president of the Bob Brewer Foundation Board; Mr. Ferrari
7 served on the board of directors for Redco, representing
8 Herrin; he was a member of the Herrin Rotary Club and a
9 recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrari was preceded in death by his wife,
11 Shirley R. Ferrari; his parents, Domenico and Mary Ferrari; his
12 brother-in-law, Michael Akulow; and his son-in-law, John
13 Wolff; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Ferrari's survivors include his daughter,
15 Gayle Wolff, and her son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Jenny
16 Wolff, and their two sons Jaxon and Dylan Wolff; his son, Keith
17 Ferrari, and his son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Brandi
18 Ferrari, and their son Denon Ferrari and their daughter,
19 Nichole and husband, Chris Hamm; Keith's wife, Kim, and
20 children Domenico, Christianna, and Cherestina; his daughter,
21 Patricia Ferrari and her husband, Andrew Janszky, and their
22 children Christopher, Ebie, and Lucas; his daughter, Brenda
23 Brewster and her husband, John, and their sons, Travis and
24 Patrick; his son, Brett Ferrari and his life partner, Richard

1 Smith; his daughter, Christy Ferrari Silverman and her husband,
2 Ron; his fiancée, Martha "Marti" Roberts; his sister, Angelina
3 Akulow; his niece, Mary; and his nephew, Mike; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 his family and friends, the passing of Robert Ferrari; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Robert Ferrari as a symbol of our
10 sympathy.