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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 Esther Caroline Ford Rapp of Wood River, who passed away on April 19, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Esther Rapp was born on September 24, 1917 in East Alton; his parents were Roy E. Ford and Sarah Margaret (DeSilvey) Ford; she married John P. Rapp on July 8, 1970 in Centralia; he preceded her in death on April 26, 1999; and

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WHEREAS, Esther Rapp often reminisced about her childhood years, which were filled with memories of the tile works once located on present Olin property and adjacent to the boarding house that belonged to her grandmother, Nancy (Stephens) DeSilvey; and

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WHEREAS, Esther Rapp proudly served her country during World War II, enlisting in the United States Army Air Corps; and

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WHEREAS, Esther Rapp was active in American Legion Post 794 in East Alton; as a 41-year member, she served in many positions at the Post, including post commander, auxiliary president, and post chaplain; her proudest moments with the Legion consisted of serving as chaplain for Post 794's Ritual

1 Team; she remained active in this position until 2006, when her  
2 health began to decline; and

3 WHEREAS, Esther Rapp had a great love for her country and  
4 had great love and respect for the American flag; and

5 WHEREAS, Esther Rapp was preceded in death by her husband;  
6 her parents; her brother, Kenneth Ford; and her sisters, Lorena  
7 Ford Miller, Ruth Winifred, and Mildred Ford Rogers; and

8 WHEREAS, Esther Rapp is survived by Cathy Jo Lewis Wilkey  
9 (Mike), Saralca Lewis Sladek (Gregg), Sondra Moore Jackson  
10 (Denis), James H. Sauerwein (Betty), and John P. Rapp II ; her  
11 grandchildren, Jamie Schroeder, Carrie Schroeder, Michael  
12 Barnett, Carol Barnett, Tanner Singh, Jason Sauerwein, Evelyn  
13 Stahl, and Charles, Denise, Stephen, Kenneth, and David  
14 Jackson; and her 10 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
17 her family and friends, the passing of Esther Rapp; and be it  
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19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Esther Rapp as an expression of our  
21 sympathy.