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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 E. Lee of Batavia, who passed away on May 6, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee was born on April 9, 1924 in Aurora; his parents were Emmett Lehr Lee, M.D. and Sylvia Chenoweth Lee; he married Geraldine (Matthews) in 1945; and

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WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee attended Aurora schools and graduated from high school at Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana in 1942; he obtained his bachelor's degree at Ohio State University, where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, and graduated in 1949; he graduated from the University of Illinois College of Dentistry in 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee served with pride and distinction as a member of the Army Air Corps during World War II in the 8th Air Force based in England; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Illinois College Of Dentistry, Robert E. Lee began his career as a dentist in the same Aurora building where his father had practiced medicine and his father-in-law had practiced dentistry; he practiced in this building until 1996; he also

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1 served as an associate professor in the department of
2 periodontics at the University of Illinois from 1964 to 1988;
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4 WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee was an active member of his
5 community; he was elected to the Batavia school board in 1966
6 and served as its president from 1969 to 1972; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee was a long-time member of the
8 Congregational Church of Batavia; he enjoyed attending the
9 Saturday morning men's Bible study during his retirement years;
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11 WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee was preceded in death by his
12 daughter, Nancy Lee Sayers; his brother and sister; and his
13 parents; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee is survived by his wife; his sons,
15 Mark and William Emmett Lee; and his four grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee will be remembered by all who knew
17 and loved him as a man who was always ready with a joke, a great
18 dancer, a lover of big band music, and as a man who loved his
19 family dearly; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
2 his family and friends, the passing of Robert E. Lee; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Robert E. Lee as an expression of
6 our sympathy.