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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) on July 7, 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, 452nd Bomb Group 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 part-time until 1996;

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1 he also 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 a member of the American Dental Association  
6 and its local components; he served as a board member and  
7 president of the Fox River Dental Society and the Aurora Dental  
8 Society and was a member of the American Academy of  
9 Periodontics; he was elected to the Batavia school board in  
10 1966 and served as its president from 1969 to 1972; he was also  
11 a member and former board member of the St. Charles Country  
12 Club; and

13 WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee was a long-time member of the  
14 Congregational Church of Batavia; he enjoyed attending the  
15 Saturday morning men's Bible study during his retirement years;  
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17 WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee was preceded in death by his  
18 daughter, Nancy Lee Sayers; his brother, Foster; his sister,  
19 Sylvia; and his parents; and

20 WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee is survived by his wife; his sons,  
21 Robert Mark Lee, D.D.S. and William Emmett Lee; his  
22 grandchildren, Matthew J. Sayers, Julie A. Sayers, Robert W.

1 Lee, and Michael E. Lee; and his daughter-in-law, Wendy Lee;  
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3 WHEREAS, Robert E. Lee will be remembered by all who knew  
4 and loved him as a man who was always ready with a joke, a lover  
5 of big band music, a great dancer, and as a man who loved his  
6 family dearly; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
9 his family and friends, the passing of Robert E. Lee; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Robert E. Lee as an expression of  
13 our sympathy.