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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 K.E. "Blackie" Jackson of Roodhouse, who passed away on October 20, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, He was born January 27, 1925, in Roodhouse; he graduated in 1943 from Roodhouse High School, where he was all-conference in football, basketball, and track; and he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943; and

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WHEREAS, In 1946 he joined the American Legion and was a member for 62 years; he was a former member of the Rotary Club of Roodhouse and served as Rotary president from July 1961 to July 1962; he was a former member of the Roodhouse Lodge of the Knights of Pythias; he played on men's amateur softball teams for more than 30 years and participated in donkey basketball and donkey field hockey events to raise money for various community and charitable organizations; and

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WHEREAS, He served on the Board of Education of the Roodhouse Public Schools System and was president of that board when Roodhouse, White Hall, Hillview, and Patterson schools consolidated into the current North Greene School District in 1962; he owned and operated his own plumbing business for 55 years and was a licensed master plumber, licensed plumbing

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1 contractor, and a licensed refrigeration engineer; in 1974, he  
2 was appointed by Governor Daniel Walker to an advisory  
3 committee that rewrote the Illinois State Plumbing Code; in  
4 1952, he became a Democratic Party precinct committeeman and  
5 member of the Greene County Democratic central committee; in  
6 1955, he was elected central committee chairman and served in  
7 that capacity until he retired from the central committee in  
8 1974; and

9 WHEREAS, He was a firefighter with the Roodhouse Volunteer  
10 Fire Department for 55 years, serving the last 39 of those  
11 years as fire chief; and he was a member of First Baptist  
12 Church of Roodhouse; and

13 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and  
14 Avenel Jackson; his sister, Eileen Smock; and his son, Lloyd  
15 Dean Jackson; and

16 WHEREAS, K.E. "Blackie" Jackson is survived by his wife,  
17 Betty; his sister, Louise Proffer; his two daughters, Patricia  
18 Lendennie and Donna Feltner; his son, Timothy Jackson; his  
19 eight grandchildren, United States Army Specialist Michael  
20 Wendell, Kyle Wendell, Benjamin Feltner, Matthew Feltner,  
21 Brittany Jackson, Jessica Jackson, Chance Stilley, and Kenneth  
22 Jackson; and his ten great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
3 his family and friends, the passing of K.E. "Blackie" Jackson;  
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5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of K.E. "Blackie" Jackson as a symbol  
7 of our sincere sympathy.