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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 Leonard G. "Spunky" Patton Jr. of West Frankfort, who passed away on November 9, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Leonard Patton Jr. was born on August 21, 1945 in West Frankfort; his parents were L. Goebel Patton and Eileen H. Howell; and

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WHEREAS, Leonard Patton Jr. was a graduate of Southern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Leonard Patton Jr. served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the United States Army; and

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WHEREAS, Leonard Patton Jr. was the owner and operator of the Howell Insurance Agency in West Frankfort, which was founded in 1914; a member of the third generation of the family-owned agency, he became fully involved in the business in the early 1970s; and

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WHEREAS, Leonard Patton Jr. was an avid supporter of youth and Redbird athletics; the youth tackle program Mr. Patton helped to create enjoyed its inaugural season in the fall of 1974 and lasted for ten years, before he helped to bring it to

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1 life once more in the late 1990s; he also coached girl's  
2 softball in tandem with Frankfort Community Park legend Bill  
3 McKee and helped bring about a grade school flag football  
4 program in the mid 1990s; and

5 WHEREAS, Leonard Patton Jr. was preceded in death by his  
6 mother, Eileen Lucas, and his sister, Colleen Hickey; and

7 WHEREAS, Leonard Patton Jr. is survived by his wife, Susan;  
8 his sons, Jason Patton and Ryan Patton; his daughters, Trish  
9 Blank and her husband, Bill, and their children, Ria and  
10 William, and Torie Patton; his father, L. Goebel Patton; and  
11 his sister, Penelope Tippy and her husband, Roger; therefore,  
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
15 his family and friends, the passing of Leonard G. "Spunky"  
16 Patton Jr.; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Leonard Patton Jr. as an expression  
19 of our sympathy.