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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 Leon F. Gramley of Kaneville, who passed away on January 15, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born October 31, 1943, in Aurora, the son of Benjamin and Frances (Flanders) Gramley; he grew up in Kaneville, attended local schools, and graduated from Kaneland High School in 1962; he attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, for a time before graduating from DeVry School of Electronics in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War; in December of 1967, he returned to civilian life and worked for Illinois Bell; in 1971, he began farming alongside his brother, Elmer, on the family farm in Kaneville; he married Margaret Myers in 1965, and they were blessed with two sons, Philip and Stephen; in 1991 he met Mary Fecht and they were married on September 6, 1992; and

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WHEREAS, He was a volunteer fireman with the Kaneville Fire Department; he later served for 13 years as an EMT and paramedic with Elburn ambulance; he served on the Kaneville Township Board and was elected Kaneville Township Supervisor in

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1 1994; he was also the vice president and sexton for Kaneville
2 Cemetery and was very active in the Kaneville Memorial Day
3 service, serving in the color guard and honor guard as well as
4 identifying the graves of all the veterans; and

5 WHEREAS, He was the driving force behind Kaneville
6 Township's designation as a village, dedicating untold hours
7 until it was made official in 2007; he was an avid NASCAR fan,
8 cheering on Dale Earnhardt with every turn; he took tap dancing
9 for a time and played the French horn as well as the piano; he
10 was always "fixing" anything for anyone; and

11 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; and

12 WHEREAS, Leon Gramley is survived by his loving wife, Mary;
13 his three sons, Philip (Christine) Gramley, Stephen (Leanne)
14 Gramley, and Albert (Lori) Fecht; Stephen's children, Lillian
15 and Robert, and Albert's children, Joshua, Hannah and Emilee;
16 his brother, Elmer (Janet) Gramley and his daughter, Sara; and
17 a countryside full of friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of Leon Gramley; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Leon Gramley as a symbol of our
3 sincere sympathy.