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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 Retired Lieutenant Colonel Harold E. Briggs Sr., U.S.M.C., of Granite City, who passed away on April 3, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born June 22, 1926, in Granite City; after high school he joined the Merchant Marines and then attended McKendree College from 1946 until 1950, where he also played college football for four years; after graduating he worked at Granite City Steel for a short time; and

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WHEREAS, Before entering the field of education as a teacher, he interrupted his teaching to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps in the Korean Conflict; he stayed in the reserves until retiring in 1972 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, after 23 years of faithful service; and

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WHEREAS, He returned to the Granite City School District and worked as a principal of an elementary school and coached the freshman high school football team for 15 years; he then become the first assistant for the Madison County Superintendent of Schools for seven years and served as Superintendent for 14 years until his retirement in 1987; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Briggs had a BA Degree, a Masters in
2 Education, and the following certificates in teaching:
3 Specialist certificate, All Grade Supervisory, Elementary and
4 High School Supervisory, and Administrative and Educational
5 Specialist; he was honored for his work in education with an
6 Honorary Doctorate Degree in 1987 from McKendree College; after
7 retirement he volunteered at the Granite City Hospital for many
8 years and served as a trustee for the Nameoki Township for over
9 12 years; and

10 WHEREAS, He was a member of the Niedringhaus United
11 Methodist Church and a avid bowler, once bowling a perfect 300
12 game for which he received an award; and

13 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry
14 Arthur and Myrtle F., nee Hughes, Briggs; and his brother,
15 Harry A. Briggs Sr.; and

16 WHEREAS, Harold Briggs Sr. is survived by his wife of 60
17 years, Elizabeth A., nee Phillips, Briggs, whom he married on
18 June 1, 1949, in Flora; his sons, Tim Briggs and Gene Briggs;
19 his sisters, Isla Mae Williams and Erma Lee Rash; as well as
20 several nieces and nephews and many extended family members and
21 friends; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
2 his family and friends, the passing of Retired Lieutenant
3 Colonel Harold E. Briggs Sr.; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Harold Briggs Sr. as a symbol of our
6 sincere sympathy.