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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 Leland Edwin "Smitty" Smith Sr. of Collinsville, who passed away on October 5, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Leland Smith Sr. was born on August 21, 1926, in York, Nebraska; and

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WHEREAS, As a youth, Leland Smith Sr. won a state-wide table tennis tournament in Texas; he was also awarded a scholarship to play football at Baylor University; and

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WHEREAS, Leland Smith Sr. served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the United States Navy aboard the USS Thornton during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, In 1961, Leland Smith Sr. opened Grandpa's Jewelry, which eventually became an 18-store chain; he subsequently opened L.E. Smith Jewelers in 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Leland Smith Sr. was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce; and

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WHEREAS, Leland Smith Sr. was preceded in death by his parents, Leland H. and Lissette Smith; and

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1 WHEREAS, Leland Smith Sr. is survived by his loving wife of
2 61 years, Gloria "Gayle" Smith; his sons, Leland E. (Sherri
3 Lowe) Smith Jr., James C. (Lisa) Smith, and Casey V. Smith; his
4 daughters, Georgia C. (Troy) Crites, Gloria H. (Tom) Fayollat,
5 Cindy G. (Mac) Fortenberry, June M. (Mike) Zavaglia, and Susan
6 J. Smith; his grandchildren, Troy David Crites, Nicol Crites,
7 Tom Fayollat, Jr., Tracy Pickford, Quinton Smith, Chanelle
8 Smith, Lauren Smith, Cody Hopkins, Kendall Hopkins, Garrett
9 Zavaglia, Shane Zavaglia, and Jordan Zavaglia; his
10 great-grandchildren, Vivian Crites, Jonah Crites, Coleton
11 Rice, Trey Fayollat, Frankie Fayollat, Chloe Pickford, and
12 Kacey Smith; his brother, George W. Smith; his sisters, Betty
13 Swan and Barbara Smith; and his many other relatives and
14 friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 his family and friends, the passing of Leland Edwin "Smitty"
18 Smith Sr.; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Leland Smith Sr. as an expression of
21 our sympathy.