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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 Walter C. Milton of Staunton, formerly of Granite City, who passed away on January 18, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Milton was born on June 23, 1933, in Stewart County, Tennessee, to Herbert and Maggie (Clinard) Milton; he received his early education in Stewart County and was in the first graduating class of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville; he married Peggy Hawk; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Milton retired as vice-president and general manager of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Milton served as the chairman of the Granite City Housing Authority and was a member of the board of directors for 24 years; he served as legislative aide to Senator Sam Vadalabene of the 56th district for 12 years; he was active on the Great River Road's Committee's Recreation local I.L.D.O.T. Planning Commission, a former member of the board of directors and retired chairman of the board of Guardian Savings Bank, a former member of the Belleville Area College G.C. Campus, a member of the advisory board of the Granite City School District, and the Granite City Park

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1 District Board; and

2 WHEREAS, Walter Milton served as a Democratic Precinct  
3 Committeeman, G.C. 22, Granite City Board of Alderman Ward 6,  
4 Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce member for 30 years and chairman  
5 of its Law Enforcement Committee; he was a former member and  
6 former president of the Rotary Club of Granite City, Paul  
7 Harris Fellow, member of the Illinois Bottlers Association, and  
8 the Cahokia Mounds Council; he co-sponsored the formation of  
9 the D.A.R.E. program for the Granite City School District No.9;  
10 in 1975 and 1998, he received the citizen of the year award  
11 from the Granite City Park District; he has also received the  
12 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and the  
13 Belleville Area College 15 Great Men Award; and

14 WHEREAS, Walter Milton was preceded in death by his  
15 parents; his wife, Peggy; his daughter, Patricia A. Milton; his  
16 grandson, Walter Milton III; his great-grandson, Aaron  
17 Hergert; his brothers, James, Herbert Jr., and Charles K.  
18 Milton; and his sisters, Sallie Kirksey, Marcia Pigg, and  
19 Lucille Ferguson; and

20 WHEREAS, Walter Milton is survived by his sons, Walter C.  
21 Milton Jr. and Brett (Julie) Milton; his daughters, Mary  
22 (Craig) Rydgig and Anita (Dwayne) Winchell; his grandchildren,  
23 Thomasina Hergert, Kyle and Cody Milton, Michelle, Clayton, and

1 Christopher Rydgig, Jason and Adam Winchell, Crystal Clark,  
2 Brittany, Jacob, and Caden Milton; his great-grandchildren,  
3 Conner, Devin, and Logan Hergert, Aubrie and Drew Clark, and  
4 Layla and Carter Rydgig; his brothers and sisters-in-laws; and  
5 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Walter Milton, and we extend our sincere condolences to his  
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
10 further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Walter Milton as an expression of  
13 our deepest sympathy.