

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Dean W. Lee of Brighton, who passed  
4 away April 14, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was the owner-operator of Curry Ice and  
6 Coal and former owner of a farm-to-market milk-hauling  
7 business; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was born in White Hall on February 20,  
9 1926, to Rollie and Lula Lee; he was the middle child of  
10 three siblings; at the age of eight, Mr. Lee moved to  
11 Brighton and graduated from Brighton High School in 1944; and

12 WHEREAS, After he graduated in 1944, Mr. Lee was drafted  
13 by the U.S. Army and participated in the Americal Division in  
14 the Pacific and during the American invasion at the  
15 Philippine Islands during World War II; Mr. Lee also served  
16 with the American occupational forces in Japan until 1946; he  
17 attained the rank of sergeant; and

18 WHEREAS, Months after being discharged from the Army, Mr.  
19 Lee met Dorothy Louis Keith of Alton through mutual friends;  
20 they were married in 1947; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1947, Mr. Lee started working at Shell  
22 Refinery in Wood River; he worked there for five years and  
23 later bought a farm-to-market milk-hauling business, which he  
24 operated for 25 years; he delivered milk to several St. Louis  
25 area markets; and

26 WHEREAS, In 1975, he became owner-operator of Curry Ice  
27 and Coal in Carlinville, a company that would haul coal from  
28 mines, rocks from quarries, and sand from pits; he operated  
29 the company for 15 years and retired in 1990; in 1988,  
30 Mid-West Truckers awarded Mr. Lee the Class 3 Truck Driver  
31 Award for achieving 5 million miles without a ticket or

1 accident; and

2 WHEREAS, In retirement, Mr. Lee took computer classes at  
3 Lewis and Clark College in Godfrey and became a home-based  
4 computer operator, where he made business cards and address  
5 labels for his wife's business and for his children; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee's children and grandchildren were the  
7 most important things in his life, and adding to the joy were  
8 his three great-grandchildren; he was a Boy Scout leader and  
9 an Eight-year member of Salem Presbyterian Church, where he  
10 served as elder and a clerk; Mr. Lee enjoyed woodworking and  
11 gardening; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Lee will be deeply missed by all those who  
13 knew him and loved him, especially his wife, Dorothy; his  
14 son, Gary Lee; his two daughters, Barbara Hinkle and Carol  
15 Brand; his brother, Donald Lee; his sister, Fern Edwards; his  
16 five grandchildren; his two step grandchildren; his three  
17 great-grandchildren; and his step great-grandchild;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
21 his family and friends, the passing of Dean W. Lee of  
22 Brighton; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
24 presented to the family of Dean W. Lee with our sincere  
25 condolences.