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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 express their sincerest condolences to the family and friends  
4 of Stephen W. LaBelle of Zion, who passed away on August 29,  
5 2002; and

6           WHEREAS, Stephen LaBelle was born on November 26, 1916 in  
7 Zion to his parents Jesse and Pauline LaBelle; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. LaBelle lived in Zion all of his life and,  
9 for the past 20 years, wintered in Clearwater, Florida; he  
10 was a lifelong member of Christ Community Church (formerly  
11 Christian Catholic Church) of Zion, where he worked with the  
12 Sunday School and youth organizations of the Church for over  
13 50 years; in addition, he served on the cast of the Zion  
14 Passion Play and he was an associate member of St. Paul's  
15 United Methodist Church in Largo, Florida; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. LaBelle was instrumental in the founding of  
17 Camp Zion in Ellison Bay, Wisconsin and remained active in  
18 Camp programs for over 50 years; he worked for Swank  
19 Construction for over 20 years, the Cake Box Bakery for two  
20 years, and later worked for Midway Heating Supply in Zion for  
21 16 years until retirement; he was also one of the original  
22 founders of Zion Little League and coached for over 25 years;  
23 he also served in the Army from 1941 to 1945 in the South  
24 Pacific and in Japan; and

25           WHEREAS, The passing of Stephen W. LaBelle will be deeply  
26 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 59  
27 years, Rachel LaBelle; his sons, Dick (wife, Fran) LaBelle,  
28 Doug (wife, Deb) LaBelle, Lorry (wife, Pat) LaBelle, and Fire  
29 Chief David (wife, Jill) LaBelle; his ten grandchildren, Mike  
30 (wife, Cindy), Lynn, Jennifer, Jeff, Krista, Karin, and Mark  
31 (wife, Evelyn) LaBelle, Kim (husband, Ben) Ackert and Amy and  
32 Janine LaBelle; his four great-grandchildren, Ashley,

1 Tristan, Miranda, and Cody LaBelle; his sister, Mildred  
2 Huyck; and his many dear and close nieces and nephews;  
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
6 all who knew him, the death of Stephen W. LaBelle of Zion;  
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Stephen W. LaBelle with our  
10 sincere condolences.