

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of  
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of William  
4 "Harris" Franklin, Sr. of Pleasant Hill on Thursday, November  
5 7, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin was born on December 9, 1919 in  
7 Nebo to Edward and Fannie Martin Franklin; he married Lois  
8 Barton in 1944 in Pleasant Hill; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin owned and operated Franklin's Red  
10 and White Grocery Store in Pleasant Hill for many years;  
11 later, he worked as sales manager for the Bergman Meat  
12 Packing Co. in Pittsfield for 28 years until his retirement;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin was an active and energetic member  
15 of the community; he served as the Pike County Democratic  
16 Party Chairman for more than 20 years; he served on the  
17 Pleasant Hill School Board and announced Wolves football  
18 games for 50 years; he was honored by having the Pleasant  
19 Hill High School football field named after him; he was a  
20 member of First Baptist Church in Pleasant Hill; and

21 WHEREAS, His passing has been felt by many, especially  
22 his wife, Lois; his sons, Bill (wife, Marcia) Franklin and  
23 John B. (wife, Karen) Franklin; his daughters, Kay Taliaferro  
24 and Sue Franklin; his five grandchildren and five  
25 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Edrah Goltz; therefore,  
26 be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
28 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing  
29 of William "Harris" Franklin, Sr. of Pleasant Hill and offer  
30 our sincere condolences to his family; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of William "Harris" Franklin, Sr.  
2 with our deepest sympathy.