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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 U.S. District Judge Milton Shadur, who passed away on January 14, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Shadur was born in St. Paul, Minnesota and grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one of four brothers; he finished high school in Milwaukee at the age of 15; at 18, he graduated from the University of Chicago with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics; he went on to serve as a radar officer in the United States Navy during World War II and eventually earned the rank of lieutenant; while on leave, he was introduced to a friend's cousin, Eleanor, and they later married; and

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WHEREAS, After his military service, Judge Shadur returned to the University of Chicago and earned a law degree; after a long career in private practice, he was nominated to the bench by then-President Jimmy Carter in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Shadur oversaw the court-ordered desegregation plan for Chicago Public Schools; during the 1980s, he also approved a consent decree that ordered the county to improve conditions at the Cook County Jail and called for the release of prisoners to curtail severe overcrowding; he

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1 was among the first federal judges to explicitly acknowledge  
2 abuse by the Chicago Police; he continued to oversee  
3 significant litigation, including a class-action lawsuit filed  
4 by the Chicago Teachers Union against the Chicago Public  
5 Schools; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Shadur devoted his life to upholding  
7 justice, to his country, and to his family; in his 37 years on  
8 the bench, he was known as a titan of fairness and decency; he  
9 will long be remembered for his sharp legal mind, independence,  
10 integrity, and passion for his wife and family, the law, and  
11 the Northern District of Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Shadur was preceded in death by by his  
13 daughter, Karen; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Shadur is survived by his wife of 72 years,  
15 Eleanor; his daughter, Beth; his son, Robert; his three  
16 grandchildren; and his four great-grandchildren; therefore, be  
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18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 U.S. District Judge Milton Shadur and extend our sincere  
21 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
22 him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Judge Shadur as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.