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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 Robert "Bob" "Lenny" Lehnhausen of Peoria, who passed away on March 5, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Lehnhausen was born to Frank and Florence Lehnhausen on September 11, 1919; he attended the Spalding Institute, where he was senior manager of the athletic department; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Lehnhausen was drafted into the United States Army in May of 1941; he volunteered for the Aviation Cadet Program and joined the 44th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force; for the next 27 months, he served as a combat bomber pilot and squadron commander in Europe and North Africa; he was awarded numerous medals and recognitions, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart, the Soldier's Medal, a European Theatre of Operations medal with nine campaign stars, and the French Croix de Guerre; he achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel, was discharged in 1946, and served in the Air Force Reserve until 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Lehnhausen returned to Peoria and helped his father run the family drapery shop; he was elected to the Peoria City Council in 1953 and served as mayor from 1965 to

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1 1969; he went on to head the Illinois Housing Authority and the
2 Illinois Department of Local Government Affairs; in 1973, he
3 became an officer at Peoria's First Federal Savings Bank, where
4 he worked until he retired in 1985; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Lehnhausen turned his attention to the
6 stock market over the last several decades of his life,
7 learning as much as he could, refining his investment
8 strategies, and passing along his knowledge; and

9 WHEREAS, Robert Lehnhausen was an active member of St.
10 Cecilia Parish, and later, St. Jude Parish; in 1995, Peoria
11 Notre Dame High School awarded him with its Distinguished
12 Alumnus of the Year award; and

13 WHEREAS, Robert Lehnhausen was preceded in death by his
14 parents; his brother, Clark Lehnhausen; his infant son, Robert
15 Lehnhausen; his daughter-in-law, Cathy (Shannon) Lehnhausen;
16 and his grandson, Jacob Johnson; and

17 WHEREAS, Robert Lehnhausen is survived by his wife of 72
18 years, Elizabeth (Waugh); his children, Mary Jo Lehnhausen
19 (Arun Pinto), Phillip (Teresa) Lehnhausen, Ann (Jack)
20 Burtelow, Tom Lehnhausen, Kay (Scot) Ironside, Steven (Karen)
21 Lehnhausen, and Dave Lehnhausen; his grandchildren, Navin
22 (Jennifer) Pinto, Kiran Pinto (Cory Morris), Anjali Pinto,

1 Timothy Lehnhausen (Stephanie Haas), Tobin Lehnhausen, Matthew
2 Lehnhausen (Priscilla Varela), Tina (Mike) Miller, Jeff (Abby)
3 Burtelow, Elizabeth (Mike) Bauer, Jim (Mallory) Ironside,
4 Meredith (Mike) Steininger, Michael (Patricia) Lehnhausen, and
5 Stephanie Lehnhausen (Scott Shaw); 16 great-grandchildren; his
6 brother-in-law, Fr. John Waugh; his sisters-in-law, Kathleen
7 (Phil) Harney and Freddie Waugh; and numerous loving nieces and
8 nephews; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Robert "Bob" "Lenny" Lehnhausen, and extend our sincere
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
13 him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Robert Lehnhausen as an expression
16 of our deepest sympathy.