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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 Harry George Meadows, who passed away on April 7, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Meadows was born in Chicago to W. R. "Bob" and Edna (Gahagan) Meadows on April 25, 1921; he attended St. Laurence Grade School, Abbott Junior High School, Elgin High School, and graduated from the Elgin Academy in 1939; he graduated from Lake Forest College in 1944 and married Ruth Anderson; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Meadows joined the U.S. Navy at the beginning of World War II and received midshipman officer's training at Tower Hall in Chicago, Wabash College, and Columbia University; he honorably served as the executive officer, Lieutenant Jr. Grade, aboard the Mobile Explosives Investigation Unit ship, YP 421, in the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1946; he was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, the WWII Victory Ribbon, a Philippine Liberation Star, and 3 Stars for Service in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater; his ship received a Presidential Unit Citation while he was the executive officer; and

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WHEREAS, Upon returning home from the war, Harry Meadows

1 continued a 76-year association with W. R. Meadows, Inc., a
2 family business started by his father in 1926 in Elgin; he
3 served as Chairman of the Board and the company is now in its
4 93rd year with its third and fourth generation of family at the
5 helm; and

6 WHEREAS, During the 1950s, Harry Meadows was a member of
7 the Elgin Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors
8 of the Elgin National Bank; he served as President of the Elgin
9 Exchange Club and twice served as President of the Concrete
10 Joint Institute; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1984, Harry Meadows received the Alumni
12 Distinguished Service Citation from Lake Forest College; in
13 1993, he received an honorary Doctor of Business Management
14 from Judson College, and in 1999, he was recognized by his
15 church by being named a Knight in the Order of St. Gregory the
16 Great by Pope John Paul II for his service in the Diocese of
17 Rockford; numerous students over the years have benefited from
18 the scholarships that he initiated; and

19 WHEREAS, Harry Meadows enjoyed spending time in northern
20 Wisconsin and in Naples, Florida; he was a fan of any mode of
21 transportation, including automobiles, airplanes, motorboats,
22 and horses; and

1 WHEREAS, Harry Meadows was preceded in death by his parents
2 and his brother, Dr. W. R. Meadows Jr.; and

3 WHEREAS, Harry Meadows is survived by his wife of 71 years,
4 Ruth; his daughters, Merrie Derderian, Ann (Jim) Dwyer, and
5 Martha Connell; his grandchildren, Matthew (Dana) Price,
6 Timothy (Rebecca) Price, Catherine Connell (Tim) Kocher, Dr.
7 Jennifer Dwyer, George Connell III, Elizabeth Connell, and
8 William Connell; and his great-grandchildren, Kaylyn Price,
9 Dylan Price, Hunter Price, John Kocher, and Mary Margaret
10 Kocher; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Harry George Meadows, and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Harry Meadows as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.