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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of George Makela of Waukegan, who passed 4 away on July 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, George Makela was born in Waukegan to Oiva and Edna Makela on August 26, 1922; he graduated from Waukegan High School in 1942 and joined the U.S. Marines; he served during World War II in the Pacific and rose to the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Following his service during World War II, George Makela worked with his father at the family store, Makela's Grocery; he retired from Copley Newspaper as a classified ad manager; and

WHEREAS, George Makela refereed basketball in Lake County for 15 years; he loved to play golf at Bonnie Brook Golf Course in Waukegan; he also enjoyed morning coffee with his breakfast friends at The Sunset House and The Avalon; he and his wife spent many years wintering in Ahwatukee, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, George Makela participated in an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. with fellow World War II veterans; and

1 WHEREAS, George Makela was preceded in death by his parents

- and his brother-in-law, Len Huber; and
- 3 WHEREAS, George Makela is survived by his wife of 72 years,
- 4 Jean Makela; his son, Rob (Kathy) Makela; his grandchildren,
- 5 Scott (Kelly) Makela, Ted Makela, and Kiirsti (Dan) Kamrath;
- 6 his great-grandchildren, Kaari and Kamy Makela and RJ Kamrath;
- 7 Clyde and Helen Fawcett, Peggy (T-T) Fawcett, the entire
- 8 Fawcett Family, and the Louis Ross Family; 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 George Makela, and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 13 further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to the family of George Makela as an expression of
- our deepest sympathy.