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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 Richard Raymond Bairstow of Waukegan, who passed away on May 21, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Raymond Bairstow was born September 26, 1917 in Waukegan, the son of the late Fred Raymond and Mildred Wright Bairstow; he attended North School and Waukegan Township High School, graduating in 1935; he attended the University of Illinois, graduating in 1939; he was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity; he was a student at the National University of Mexico in Mexico City and studied Law at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he was president of his class and a member of the jumping team; and

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WHEREAS, After the war he returned to the law school at the University of Illinois; he was a member of Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity and received his Juris Doctorate in 1947; he practiced law in Waukegan and Lake County, was an Assistant State's Attorney, and for 50 years was attorney for the Fox Lake Fire Protection District; he was an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Illinois Department of Revenue in Chicago for 34 years; he helped organize, was attorney for, and he was on the Board of Directors of Little Fort Bank and Trust Company of Waukegan (now Fifth Third Bank); and

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1 WHEREAS, He was a life member of the Lake County, State of
2 Illinois, and American Bar Associations; he was admitted to the
3 U.S. District Court, the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, and
4 the U.S. Supreme Court; he was listed in Who's Who In American
5 Law, In Commerce and Industry, In the Midwest, In America, and
6 In the World; Mr. Bairstow was past president of the
7 Waukegan-North Chicago Junior Chamber of Commerce, the
8 Salvation Army, the Fort Sheridan Chapter of the Association of
9 the U.S. Army, and served on the Boards of Directors of the
10 American Red Cross and the YMCA; he was a Republican precinct
11 committeeman for 25 years, was a past president of the Waukegan
12 Township Republican Organization, and was a member of the State
13 Board of Directors of the Young Republicans; and

14 WHEREAS, He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the
15 horse cavalry, but prior to Pearl Harbor he was sent to Armored
16 Forces School at Fort Knox, Kentucky and became a tanker; he
17 commanded the 5th Tank Battalion the 16th Armored Division; he
18 was in the attacking forces at Omaha Beach in Normandy during
19 the liberation of France; he served in Psychological Warfare, a
20 Special Staff Division of Supreme Headquarters, Allied
21 Expeditionary Forces, under General Eisenhower; he was in the
22 campaigns of France, Luxembourg, and Germany in World War II
23 and was in the Information Control Division in the Army of
24 Occupation; he was a graduate of the Command and General Staff

1 College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Army Logistical
2 School; he was an expert in Special Warfare, and for many years
3 commanded the Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Battalion at
4 O'Hare Field in Chicago; he last served under the Deputy Chief
5 of Staff for Special Operations in the Pentagon, and he retired
6 a Colonel after 32 years of service; and

7 WHEREAS, He was a faithful member of Christ Episcopal
8 Church and the Men's Bible Group; he was Judge Advocate and a
9 life member of the American Legion Homer Dahringer Post and a
10 life member of the Military Officers Association of America; he
11 was also a member of the Elks, Waukegan City Club, the Honest
12 John Club, the Waukegan Historical Society, and Glen Flora
13 Country Club; and

14 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his first
15 wife and the mother of his daughters, Mary Kelley Bairstow; his
16 second wife, Agnes Macaitis Caldwell Bairstow; his brothers,
17 Robert Wright Bairstow and William Royer Bairstow; and his
18 brother-in-law, Clarence Kelley; and

19 WHEREAS, He is survived by his daughters, Kathleen (James)
20 Young, Suzanne (Lucky) Hicks, and Mary "Mimi" Neely; his
21 stepchildren, Judy (Stanley) Miscichowski and Roy Arthur
22 (Kathleen) Caldwell; his sister-in-law, Valve Kelley; his
23 grandchildren, Jennifer Neely, Joshua, Mary, and John Young,

1 Leigh Ann Miscichowski, and Roy, Patrick, and Kelley Ann
2 Caldwell; his nieces, Betsy (Dan) Morse, Lael (Syd) Yudain,
3 Marsha (Robert) Plagens, and Janice (Edward) Scarbalis; his
4 nephews, Robert (Mary) Bairstow, Andrew (Lowe) Bairstow, and
5 Mark (Susan) Kelley; along with his many other cousins and dear
6 friends; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
9 his family and friends, the passing of Richard Bairstow; and be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Richard Bairstow as a symbol of our
13 sincere sympathy.