

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate express their
3 sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ronald
4 Leversen, who passed away February 12, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Leversen was born in Chicago in 1930 and was
6 married to Dolores Leversen for 45 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Leversen joined the Navy during World War II
8 and after his return worked as a mechanic for a car
9 dealership; he was recalled to service during the Korean War
10 and served another year; and

11 WHEREAS, Ronald Leversen and his father opened Granger
12 Oldsmobile in La Grange in 1953; Mr. Leversen bought out his
13 father and he ran the dealership by himself, eventually
14 moving it to Countryside; he provided automobiles for the
15 driver's education classes at Lyons Township High School and
16 Hinsdale South High School; his dealership also sponsored
17 many Little League and softball teams; and

18 WHEREAS, During the 1960s, Ronald Leversen laid the
19 groundwork for the Brookhaven Civic Organization, a
20 consortium of neighborhoods that worked for the passage of a
21 referendum item incorporating Darien in 1969; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Leversen served on the Darien Pension
23 Committee and in 1986 was named the Darien Citizen of the
24 Year; he was an active charter member of the Darien Lions
25 Club, and instituted the NEEDY program, which provides food
26 for families in need; Mr. Leversen was named Lion of the Year
27 in 1973; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Leversen was active in Darien School
29 District 61, serving on the Board of Education from 1969 to
30 1975; he was instrumental in building Eisenhower Junior High,
31 Fairview Elementary School, and Mark DeLay Elementary School

1 while serving on the district's Building and Safety
2 Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Leversen was a supportive husband, father
4 and grandfather and will be deeply missed by all those who
5 knew him and loved him, especially his wife, Dolores; his
6 sons, Jeff and Daniel; his daughter, Lynn Keane; his sister,
7 Ruth Ticaric; and his five grandchildren; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 his family and friends, Ronald Leversen; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Ronald Leversen with our sincere
13 condolences.