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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to  
3 learn of the death of William T. Jensen III; and

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WHEREAS, William Jensen III came into this world on August  
5 2, 1927; he was raised in Northbrook; at the age of 12, he  
6 joined the Boy Scouts of America, where he ultimately earned  
7 the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest honor; throughout  
8 his life, he persistently abided by the Scouting pledge of "on  
9 my honor, I will do my best"; and

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WHEREAS, William Jensen III served his country with pride  
11 and distinction in the United States Army as an announcer for  
12 Armed Forces Radio in Vienna, Austria; and

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WHEREAS, In 1948, William Jensen III began his career at  
14 Methode Electronics; during this time, he also attended  
15 Northwestern University; during his tenure at Methode  
16 Electronics, he ascended the ranks, ultimately becoming  
17 Vice-President, President, and Chairman of the Board of  
18 Directors; his inventions, direction, leadership, and wisdom  
19 were an inspiration to his colleagues for more than 56 years;  
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WHEREAS, William Jensen III and his wife, Peg, later made

1 their home in Wayne, where they lived on their beloved Deerwood  
2 Farm; much of their time was devoted to conservation projects,  
3 including the re-establishment of a native Illinois prairie and  
4 the creation of a pond to preserve, conserve, and restore  
5 native flora and fauna, complete with habitats for birds,  
6 butterflies, deer, and frogs; Mr. Jensen also served as a Kane  
7 County Frog Monitor for Chicago Wilderness; and

8 WHEREAS, William Jensen III supported the re-establishment  
9 of native prairie plants at the Village of Wayne parks known as  
10 Misty's Meadow and Wayne Prairie Garden; and

11 WHEREAS, William Jensen III was a long-time member of the  
12 Wayne-DuPage Hunt, where he hosted the much-anticipated  
13 Stirrup Cup; he was also an avid supporter of equestrian  
14 activities, generously allowing the use of Deerwood Farm for  
15 equestrian use; and

16 WHEREAS, William Jensen III was responsible for the  
17 restoration and preservation of numerous historic buildings in  
18 Barrington and Wayne; and

19 WHEREAS, William Jensen III was an active member of his  
20 community; he partnered with Wayne Elementary School for  
21 numerous educational programs at Deerwood Farm; he donated land  
22 to the Village of Wayne Historic and Rural Preservation

1 Program; he granted numerous conservation easements; he also  
2 drove his 1947 Deerwood Farm Fire Truck in the annual Village  
3 Flag Day Parade; in recognition of his many contributions to  
4 the Village of Wayne, he and his wife were recognized as Wayne  
5 Citizens of the Year in 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, William Jensen III further served the Village of  
7 Wayne by holding the unpaid position of Village Trustee,  
8 beginning in December of 2000; he was eventually reelected 3  
9 times, most recently in April of 2009; during his tenure, he  
10 served as chairman of the Finance and Long Range Plan  
11 Committees; and

12 WHEREAS, Sadly, William Jensen III recently passed away  
13 from this life to the next; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16 his family and friends, the passing of William T. Jensen III  
17 and honor him for his many contributions to industry,  
18 conservation, and historic preservation in the State of  
19 Illinois; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of William Jensen III as an expression  
22 of our sympathy.