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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 "Dick" Solomon, who passed away on October 29, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Solomon was born and raised in Bloomington; he earned his bachelor's degree in fire protection and safety engineering in 1955 from the Illinois Institute of Technology; that same year, he married his wife, Jane; and

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WHEREAS, After a short stint in the United States Navy during the late 1950s, Richard Solomon moved with his family to Naperville and began working as assistant chief engineer for the Illinois Inspection and Rating Bureau in Chicago; from 1967 to 2007, he operated his own fire protection and engineering consulting firm out of his home, serving as the primary engineer and lead consultant to more than 65 municipalities and fire districts in Illinois and nearby states; during this time, he served for more than 30 years as a DuPage County fire marshal and nearly 25 years as a paid on-call firefighter in Naperville; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Solomon was a nationally known fire protection expert and consultant and a passionate advocate of sprinkler systems; he was responsible for the installation of

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1 hundreds of sprinkler systems in buildings across the State;
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3 WHEREAS, Richard Solomon was active in several State and
4 national fire protection organizations and was appointed by 6
5 Illinois governors to various State commissions; he was also
6 the recipient of 2 awards from the Society of Fire Protection
7 Engineers' Chicago chapter; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard Solomon is survived by his loving wife of
9 54 years, Jane; his daughters, Diane Wold and Karen; and his 2
10 grandchildren; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 his family and friends, the passing of Richard "Dick" Solomon;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Richard Solomon as an expression of
17 our sympathy.