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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 Michael G. Lord of Pittsfield, who passed away on February 17, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Lord was born on October 2, 1952, in Oceanside, California; he was the son of Vernon L. and Jean S. Langdon Lord; he married Phyllis Pearson on October 6, 1973, at the First Baptist Church in Pittsfield; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Lord graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1970; after graduation, he joined the United States Navy, serving with the United States Navy Ceremonial Guard from 1970 to 1974; during his tenure with the Ceremonial Guard, Mike demonstrated superior close-order rifle skills and was assigned to the Silent Drill Team, performing spectacular exhibitions throughout the Washington, D.C. region; and

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WHEREAS, After his time in the military, Michael Lord returned to his hometown of Pittsfield, where he served as a deacon and taught the junior high Sunday school class at the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield; he then began his career with the Pittsfield City Police Department, where he later served as a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Charlie Cheek; he was also elected to serve as Pike County Sheriff and Pike County

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1 Coroner from December of 1986 to November of 1998; from
2 December of 1998 until April of 2007, he served on the Pike
3 County Board; on March 4, 2002, he joined the Illinois
4 Secretary of State Police as an investigator; he was employed
5 by the Illinois Secretary of State Police at the time of his
6 passing; and

7 WHEREAS, Michael Lord was a member of the Pittsfield
8 American Legion Post 152, the Pittsfield Fire Department, the
9 Illinois Sheriff's Association, the Fraternal Order of Police,
10 and the Pike County Democratic Party; and

11 WHEREAS, Michael Lord enjoyed spending time with his family
12 and co-workers, the outdoors, golfing, and his black Labrador
13 retriever, Molly; and

14 WHEREAS, Michael Lord was preceded in death by his father,
15 Vernon; and

16 WHEREAS, Michael Lord is survived by his wife, Phyllis; his
17 daughter, Sarah Anne Lord; his son, Micah Lord; his mother,
18 Jean Lord; his brother, Mark Lord; his nephews and niece, Doug
19 and Brock Lord, Dean Pearson, and Carrie Bradshaw; his many
20 cousins; and his mother and father in-law, Russell and Phyla
21 Pearson; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 his family and friends, the passing of Michael G. Lord; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Michael Lord as an expression of our
7 sympathy.