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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 Robert J. Rhoads of Carlinville, who passed away on March 14, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Rhoads was born on July 30, 1924, in Plainview; he was the son of Robert T. and Lucille Little Rhoads; he married Mary Lou Pressler on July 9, 1947, at the Shipman Methodist Church; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Rhoads served his country with pride and distinction in the United States Army during World War II, serving some of his time in Africa; he attended Shertleff College in Alton and George Washington University in Washington, D.C.; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Rhoads was employed with Western Auto Stores as a regional manager in the Southern United States until 1966; he and his wife became the owners and operators of the Sears Catalog and Merchant Store in Carlinville and Staunton until they sold the business in 1998; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Rhoads enjoyed traveling; he flew on the Concorde and sailed on the Queen Elizabeth II, visited all 50 states, and traveled throughout Mexico; he also enjoyed

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1 visiting people, singing, and telling stories; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert Rhoads was a member of the Federated Church  
3 in Carlinville; he also served as Commodore of the Macoupin  
4 Station Yacht Club; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Rhoads was preceded in death by his wife,  
6 Mary Lou, and his brother, Sam Rhoads; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Rhoads is survived by his son, Kurt Rhoads;  
8 his daughter, Robyn Stone; his granddaughter, Sydni Stone; his  
9 niece and nephew; and his sister-in-law, Joanne Rhoads;  
10 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 Robert J. Rhoads; and be  
14 it further

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