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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 Howard W. Robertson of Highland, who passed away on April 12, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born August 26, 1934, in Springfield, Missouri; he graduated from Granite City High School in 1952; he received a full football scholarship to the University of Missouri, where he played all four years; he was also a member of the ROTC and graduated with a BS in agriculture; and

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WHEREAS, He entered the United States Army as a second lieutenant; he served with the First Artillery Division (Big Red One); he and his wife moved to Highland in 1959, where he opened The Howard Robertson State Farm Agency, which is still operating in Highland; he was a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, the University of Missouri Alumni Association and many organizations in Highland; for years, he was a member of the football chain gang at every Highland football game; and

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WHEREAS, He and his wife traveled extensively, to every continent, enjoyed motorhome travel, had a winter home in Gulf Shores, Alabama, and have spent winter time in Sarasota, Florida; and

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1           WHEREAS, He was a member of Evangelical United Church of  
2 Christ in Highland, Church Consistory, and Sunday School  
3 Teacher (8th grade and high school); the Highland Rotary Club  
4 (joined in 1961), president (1956-66), Paul Harris Fellow, and  
5 hosted three foreign exchange students; Highland Community  
6 Schools Unit District 5 board member (1967-1983); he was a  
7 Highland Lodge 583, AF & AM (Mason) member; Ainad Temple  
8 AAONOMS (Shriners), East St. Louis, member; Silver Lake Shrine  
9 Club, treasurer; Hannah White Shrine-Past Watchman of the  
10 Shepherds member; Order of Demolay-founder of Highland Chapter  
11 member; Faith Countryside Homes, past president; Alpine  
12 Savings Bank (later Highland Savings and Loan), founding board  
13 member; Weinheimer Community Center basketball coach and board  
14 of directors member; Highland Police Commission, board member;  
15 Highland Little League Football-coach; and he was associated  
16 with the Punt-Pass-Kick program for many years in Highland; and

17           WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his father, Howard  
18 Thomas Robertson, and mother, Molene Mellie, nee Nelson,  
19 Robertson; and

20           WHEREAS, Howard W. Robertson is survived by his wife, Norma  
21 J., nee Massman, Robertson, whom he married on June 4, 1955, in  
22 Madison; his daughters, Lisa J. (Don) Hunsche, and Cathy L.  
23 (special friend, John P. Deppe) Robertson; his son, Howard E.  
24 (Terry) Robertson; his grandchildren, Shannon M. Robertson,

1 Jerri Katherine Robertson, Garrett N. Robertson, and Michelle  
2 C. Hunsche; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
5 his family and friends, the passing of Howard W. Robertson; and  
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Howard W. Robertson as a symbol of  
9 our sincere sympathy.