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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 George R. Arnold of Edwardsville, who passed away on May 14, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, George Arnold was born September 11, 1916, in Carbondale; he was the son of the late William Edward and Elizabeth H., nee Scott, Arnold; he married Mildred Caviness on December 22, 1956, in Pinckneyville; and

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WHEREAS, George Arnold was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II; he became an Ensign at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in 1942; he served as an instructor of physics, navigation, and meteorology for the naval cadets in Glenview Naval Air Station in Glenview; he then received 12 months of instruction in Aerology in Annapolis, Maryland in 1943 and 1944; he was then assigned to the Naval Station in the Port of Spain at Trinidad, West Indies; from 1945 to 1946, he served as an instructor at the naval air station in Corpus Christie, Texas; after his service in the military, he was a partner in Arnold Orchards in Carbondale, specializing in apples and peaches; and

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WHEREAS, George Arnold retired as a professor of physics and environmental science after 10 years at SIU-Carbondale and

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1 17 years at SIU-Edwardsville; he received his bachelor's degree
2 in education, physics, and mathematics from SIU-Carbondale in
3 1939; he then received his master's degree in physics from the
4 University of Illinois in 1940 and his doctor of science degree
5 in environmental science from Washington University; he was the
6 first person to receive a doctorate on air pollution from
7 Washington University; and

8 WHEREAS, George Arnold was an active member in many
9 organizations; he served as president of the Lewis & Clark
10 Society, acting president of MCCA, executive secretary of
11 IMRPAC, chairman of the Illinois Corridor, co-chair of the
12 Illinois-Missouri Trails Coalition, archivist for the
13 Marquette-Joliet Tercentennial, chairman of the Piasa
14 Palisades Sierra Group, president of the Vadalabene Nature
15 Trail Volunteers, secretary of the Grassroots Trailnet
16 Committee, member of the Mississippi River Corridor Study
17 Commission, and a member of the MRPC; and

18 WHEREAS, George Arnold was the recipient of the
19 Edwardsville Meritorious Service Award in 1959; in 2000, he was
20 honored by the Madison County Transit for the role he played to
21 pave the way for a world-class bikeway system in Madison
22 County; in 1970, George, along with the help of Senator Sam
23 Vadalabene, introduced legislation for creating bikeways
24 throughout the State of Illinois; in 1986, he promoted Wood

1 River as the number one site of the National Lewis and Clark
2 Trail as a member of the Lewis and Clark Society; he, along
3 with Congressman Jerry Costello and Governor Jim Edgar, helped
4 obtain 7 million dollars for the construction of the new Lewis
5 & Clark Bicentennial Interpretive Center, which had 185,000
6 visitors during its 1st year; and

7 WHEREAS, George Arnold was preceded in death by his wife
8 and his brothers, Clyde Arnold, Clarence Arnold, and Ralph
9 Arnold; and

10 WHEREAS, George Arnold is survived by his sister, Marian
11 Calnon, and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 his family and friends, the passing of George R. Arnold; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of George Arnold as an expression of
18 our sympathy.