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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 James Robert "J.R." Phillip Sr., of Westmont and formerly of Hinsdale, who passed away on June 22, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Chicago on July 8, 1925 to James A. and Helen Phillip; he was a navigator in the United States Air Force during World War II; he graduated from Northwestern University with a commerce degree; and

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WHEREAS, After graduation he joined his parents' flower business, Phillip's Flowers & Gifts, founded in Cicero, in 1923, where he remained actively involved for 61 years, serving as Chairman Emeritus until his passing; and

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WHEREAS, He was a co-founder and director of the Bank of LaGrange Park, a co-founder of the Metro Chicago Florist Delivery Co-op, and a member of the American Academy of Floriculture (AAF); and

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WHEREAS, He was a man of faith and family, and was also a longtime member and past elder of Christ Church of Oak Brook; and

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1           WHEREAS, James Robert "J.R." Phillip Sr. is survived by his  
2 loving wife of 59 years, Mary B. Phillip; his sister, Lee  
3 Phillip Bell; his brother and business colleague, Russell  
4 Phillip; his children, Jim (Gwen), Don (Sandy), and Baxter  
5 (Martha) Phillip; his eight grandchildren; and his one  
6 great-grandson; therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
9 his family and friends, the passing of James Phillip Sr.; and  
10 be it further

11           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of James Phillip Sr. as a symbol of our  
13 sincere sympathy.