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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of James W. Smirles of Glenview; and

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WHEREAS, James Smirles began his career in Glenview
5 government as a member of the Village of Glenview Board of
6 Trustees in 1974; in 1981, he became the first "honorary
7 member" of the Chamber of Commerce; in 1985, he became the
8 Glenview village president, a position he held until his
9 retirement in 1993; and

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WHEREAS, During his tenure as village president, James
11 Smirles faced the daunting task of incorporating the former
12 Glenview Naval Air Station into the larger community after the
13 Pentagon announced it would close the location; today, the more
14 than 1,000 acres once occupied by the station has become a
15 cornerstone of the Glenview community; and

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WHEREAS, James Smirles served as the manager of the Glen
17 Oak Plaza; at the time of his passing, he was an active member
18 of Glenview's Willow Road Community Advisory Group; and

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WHEREAS, James Smirles was a member of the Parish Council
20 of Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church and the Glen
21 Club of Glenview; he served on the Board of Directors for the

1 American Society of Safety Engineers and was a past President
2 of Veterans of Safety International; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1999, James Smirles was named Glenview's
4 Citizen of the Year; he served as chairman of the Glenview
5 Centennial Commission; he served as a member of the Waukegan
6 Road Corridor Committee; in 2008, he served as emcee of the
7 Glenview Television production of the village's 4th of July
8 parade; and

9 WHEREAS, On January 4, 2011, the members of the Village of
10 Glenview Board of Trustees voted to designate Prairie Avenue as
11 "Jim Smirles Way" in honor of his many years of dedicated
12 service to the people of Glenview; and

13 WHEREAS, James Smirles was the beloved husband of Regina,
14 nee Stathopoulos; the loving father of William J. (Cheri)
15 Smirles; the proud grandfather of Mary Kate and Jonathan
16 Smirles; the dear brother of Janice Smirles and the late
17 Estelle Spurgetis; the devoted son of the late William and
18 Katherine Smirles; the son-in-law of the late James and Stella
19 Stathopoulos; the brother-in-law of John (Mary) and the late
20 Gregory Stathopoulos; and the fond uncle of Mary Kay Eckert,
21 Marguerite Nelson, Ted Spurgetis, Bill Sweeney, Liz Dorton,
22 Jim, Regina, and Andrew Stathopoulos; therefore, be it

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

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