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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 Gene F. Kratschmer of Godfrey, who passed away on February 3, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Alton on September 19, 1925, to Frederick J. and Mayme F. (Krepel) Kratschmer; he married Mary Ann Penning on June 17, 1950 and she preceded him in death in 1975; on January 1, 1996, he married Patti (Flipppo) Toolen; and

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WHEREAS, He was a certified public accountant for 45 years, the last 40 years of which he was a partner at Scheffel and Company; he was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Illinois Institute of CPAs, the American Legion Post 2910, president of the Alton Rotary Club, and chairman of the Southwest Illinois United Way Campaign; and

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WHEREAS, He served his country in the Naval Air Corps from 1943 to 1945; he attended St. Patrick's Grade School, Marquette High School, and Alton High School Class of 1943; he attended Washington University in St. Louis and in 1948 earned a Bachelor of science in business administration with an emphasis in accounting; he was a noted musician and played with local bands and musicians including Hank Penning, Carol Peters, and Ronnie Klaus; he was a lifetime member of the Musicians Local

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1 282; and

2 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and his  
3 first wife, Mary Ann; and

4 WHEREAS, Gene Kratschmer is survived by his wife, Patti;  
5 his children and their spouses, Mark (Mary Jo) Kratschmer,  
6 Lynne (John) Troyan, Michael (Karen) Kratschmer, Bo (Lori)  
7 Kratschmer, Jeff (Michelle) Kratschmer, Val (Brian) Vogt, and  
8 Toni (Nelson) Palmer; his grandchildren and their spouses, Ted,  
9 Christopher, John, Eric, Kelly, Katy, and Livy Kratschmer, Mary  
10 (Robert) Vandevord, Jessica Dow, Ashley Mize, Nathan and  
11 Gretchen Vogt; his great-grandchild, Ivy Jade Vandevord; and  
12 several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16 his family and friends, the passing of Gene Kratschmer; and be  
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Gene Kratschmer as a symbol of our  
20 sincere sympathy.