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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 Phillip Norman Benne of Hanna City, who passed away on February 7, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born April 6, 1954, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Harold Charles and Florence Louise (Kilgore) Benne; he married Eileen Deborah Huntley in Cahokia on June 8, 1974; and

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WHEREAS, He came from a law enforcement family; he received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Illinois University and was a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command; he started out working as a police patrol officer for the city of Peoria, later became a field training officer, served in the Criminal Investigations Bureau, was a K-9 officer with his (4-legged) partner Jock, Special Response Team member, and retired in 2008 as lieutenant of the Technical Services Division after 30 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, He received the Life Saving Award, the Distinguished Service Award, the American Legion Meritorious Service Award, and the Policeman of the Year Award; he was a member of the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS) Organization and recently was awarded certification as a

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1 Certified Protection Professional (CPP); he received numerous
2 letters of appreciation from the citizens of the Peoria area;
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4 WHEREAS, After retiring, he was hired by Securitas as a
5 facilities securities manager for the Downtown Caterpillar
6 Campus; he was later promoted to membership in Caterpillar
7 Global Security as senior security professional and was then
8 elevated by Securitas as the director of U.S. Operations for
9 the Caterpillar account; and

10 WHEREAS, He was an assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout
11 Troop 155 at Concordia Lutheran School; he was a member and
12 chairman of the congregation at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
13 in Peoria, and he loved the Lord with all his heart; and

14 WHEREAS, Phillip Benne is survived by his wife, Eileen; his
15 parents; his children, Jennifer, Jessica, Jacqueline, and
16 Jason Benne; his brothers and sisters, Zachary (Elinor) Benne,
17 Linda Bommarito, Tina (Kelly) Folts, Leasa (Robert) Ferry,
18 Shelly Stratman, and Harold Benne Jr.; his mother-in-law,
19 Adeline Wilson; his sisters-in-law, Jeanne (and Tim) Donald and
20 Dawn Huntley; his brother-in-law, Michael Wilson; and his
21 numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews;
22 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 Phillip Benne; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Phillip Benne as a symbol of our
7 sincere sympathy.