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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 Maynard Wishner of Chicago, who passed away on December 19, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born and grew up in Chicago; he earned undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Chicago; from 1947 to 1952, he worked for the Chicago Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, as head of the commission's department of law and order and then as acting director; he then was appointed chief city prosecutor for the city's Law Department; and

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WHEREAS, He was an attorney with the firm of Cole, Wishner, Epstein & Manilow before joining Walter E. Heller & Co., a finance company, where he eventually served as president and chief operating officer; he retired in 1985; he also acted in Yiddish theater; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Wishner was president of the Chicago chapter of the American Jewish Committee from 1961 to 1963 and its national president from 1980 to 1983; he continued to serve as a member of the organization's board of governors; and

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WHEREAS, He was a president of what is now the Jewish

1 Federations of North America and chaired what is now the Jewish  
2 Council for Public Affairs; he also held prominent positions in  
3 the Chicago Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation, the Jewish  
4 Community Relations Council, and Jewish Family and Community  
5 Service; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Wishner received numerous awards, including  
7 the Julius Rosenwald Memorial Award, which is the Chicago  
8 Jewish Federation's highest award, and the AJC's Mensch Award;  
9 in addition, Mr. Wishner's work to improve Greek-Jewish  
10 relations led him to receive the Frizis Award from the Hellenic  
11 American Leadership Conference; and

12 WHEREAS, Maynard Wishner is survived by his wife, Elaine;  
13 his daughters, Ellen Kenemore, Jane Wishner, and Mimi Wishner  
14 Segel; his sister, Iona Wishner Levenfeld; his 3 sons-in-law,  
15 his 8 grandchildren, and his 3 great-grandchildren; therefore,  
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
19 his family and friends, the passing of Maynard Wishner; and be  
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Maynard Wishner as a symbol of our

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1 sincere sympathy.