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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 William Lewis Goheen of Big Rock, who passed away on April 20, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, William Goheen was born on April 25, 1918, in Topeka, Kansas; he moved to Mooseheart at the age of 5 and lived there until he graduated from Mooseheart High School; and

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WHEREAS, After high school, William Goheen obtained a position at the Merchants National Bank in Aurora, where he began as a vault attendant; during this time, he went to night school and earned his degree from the American Institute of Banking; he went on to work at Merchants Bank for over 50 years until his retirement as Executive Senior Vice President at the age of 65; he continued working for the bank as a consultant for an additional 5 years; he also worked as an instructor for the American Institute of Banking; and

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WHEREAS, William Goheen served his country with pride and distinction as a member of the United States Army during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, William Goheen was a former member of the Moose Club, the Aurora Lions Club, which he served as President for 2

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1 terms, and the Aurora Country Club; he and his wife were
2 parishioners at Holy Angels for nearly 40 years; and

3 WHEREAS, William Goheen was an avid outdoorsman and
4 thoroughly enjoyed hiking his acreage in northern Wisconsin; he
5 and his wife travelled and camped extensively throughout the
6 United States and particularly enjoyed their winter vacations
7 in Hemet, California; and

8 WHEREAS, William Goheen was preceded in death by his
9 beloved wife of 50 years, Rosalie Irene Goheen, and his sister,
10 Betty Rogers; and

11 WHEREAS, William Goheen is survived by his children,
12 Maryann (Duane) Adams, William J. (Lynda) Goheen, Susan T.
13 Cassidy, Janice (Scott) Goheen Boerke, and Kevin M. (Jean)
14 Goheen; his grandchildren, Jennifer Kurr, Heather Arneson,
15 Michael Goheen, Brian Goheen, Stacy Ready, Brendan Smith, Erin
16 Smith, Matt Boerke, Dr. Kyle Boerke, Logan Goheen, Megan
17 Taylor, Angelina Goheen and Maria Goheen; and his 13
18 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 his family and friends, the passing of William Lewis Goheen;
22 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of William Goheen as an expression of
3 our sympathy.