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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 Warren R. Watkins, who passed away on September 7, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Warren Watkins was born on December 31, 1944 in Peoria; his parents were Russell and Marian (Richart) Watkins; he was a lifelong resident of Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Warren Watkins graduated from Richwoods Community High School in 1962; he then attended Bradley University, where he joined the Sigma Chi fraternity and served as Rush Chairman and Song Chairman; he subsequently graduated from Parsons College; and

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WHEREAS, Warren Watkins served his country as a member of the Illinois Army National Guard and achieved the rank of Sergeant; and

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WHEREAS, Warren Watkins was the owner and operator of Illinois Valley Glass and Mirror, Inc., a business started by his father in 1951; and

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WHEREAS, Warren Watkins was a member of the First Federated Church, the Country Club of Peoria, the IVY Club, the Creve

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1 Coeur Club, the Sigma Chi Alumni Association, and the Peoria
2 Housing Authority Board; and

3 WHEREAS, Warren Watkins and his wife enjoyed their second
4 home and friends in the Northwoods of Wisconsin at Presque
5 Isle; he also enjoyed music, the arts, the outdoors, boating,
6 fishing, and hunting; and

7 WHEREAS, Warren Watkins was preceded in death by his
8 parents and his nephew; and

9 WHEREAS, Warren Watkins is survived by his wife, Mary Allen
10 Watkins; his daughter, Melinda; his sister, Cheryl Sullivan;
11 and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
14 family and friends, mourn the passing of Warren R. Watkins; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Warren Watkins as an expression of
18 our sympathy.