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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 Jack Roeser of Barrington, who passed away on June 13, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Roeser was born in Chicago in 1923 to Irene and Otto Roeser; as a young boy he designed free flight airplanes, winning national championships, which inspired him to later become an engineer; in 1942, Jack Roeser enlisted in the United States Army, serving as a Combat Engineer in the Philippines, and was among the first soldiers to enter Japan after its surrender in World War II; and

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WHEREAS, After returning from the war, Jack Roeser enrolled at the University of Illinois where he received a Mechanical Engineering degree; he later successfully founded 3 companies; the most recent OTTO Engineering in Carpentersville, which began in his basement and has grown to over 500 employees; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Roeser was an advocate for conservative causes and active in Illinois Republican politics; in 1994, he ran for the Republican nomination for Governor of Illinois, and continued to further his political ideas through his political action committees, El Suenyo, The Family Taxpayer's Network, and Champion News; and

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1           WHEREAS, Jack Roeser was a strong advocate for change in  
2 the public school system, seeking ways to provide the best  
3 possible education for future generations; and

4           WHEREAS, Jack Roeser said of his life that he lived the  
5 "American Dream"; and

6           WHEREAS, Jack Roeser was preceded in death by his parents;  
7 his sisters, Eileen and Ethel; and his brothers, Bob and  
8 Howard; and

9           WHEREAS, Jack Roeser is survived by his wife, Jeannine; his  
10 3 sons, Ron (Sue), Tom (Bette), and Otto (Min); his daughter,  
11 Jean (Rob) Runnfeldt; and several grandchildren; therefore, be  
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13           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15 Jack Roeser, and we extend our sincere condolences to his  
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
17 further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Jack Roeser as an expression of our  
20 deepest sympathy.