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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 Thomas F. Sturr of Pentwater, Michigan, who passed away on August 23, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Sturr was born in Chicago on August 30, 1935 to Anthony and Estelle (nee Rimkus) Sturr; he graduated from St. Ignatius High School (now St. Ignatius College Prep) in 1953 and studied at John Carroll University; he later graduated from the University of Detroit (now University of Detroit Mercy) with a degree in architectural engineering; he married Dolores Kuchar in Berwyn on January 25, 1958, and they settled in Oak Park; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Sturr worked with architectural firms Shaw, Metz & Dolio and C.F. Murphy Associates and then became a partner with Perkins & Will; he then started his own firm, Thomas F. Sturr Architect, in Oak Park; he later formed the firm Sturr Young Associates; his projects included the restoration of Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple, with the consultation of Frank Lloyd Wright's son, Lloyd; his other projects included working on banks, commercial institutions, and the Oak Park Mall in the 1970s; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Sturr was a competitive

1 Chicago-to-Mackinac sailboat racer since 1960; he discovered
2 Pentwater, Michigan on a return trip from Mackinac Island and
3 moved his family there in 1976; his architectural firm in
4 Pentwater contributed to the harbor skyline with numerous
5 projects, including St. Vincent Catholic Church; after
6 retirement in June of 1998, he developed his love of watercolor
7 painting while continuing to work on architectural projects;
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9 WHEREAS, Thomas Sturr was preceded in death by his parents;
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11 WHEREAS, Thomas Sturr is survived by his wife of 56 years,
12 Dolores; his 5 sons, Mark, Kurt (Kathy), Tomas (Beth), Eric
13 (Heather), and John (Madeline); his 8 grandchildren, Anthony,
14 Andrea, Cameron, Kailey, Cooper, Brendan, Alec, and Connor; 2
15 great-grandchildren, Dylan and Brady; his brother, Edward
16 (Penny) Sturr; his brother-in-law, Chuck (Betsy) Kuchar; and
17 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Thomas F. Sturr, and extend our sincere condolences to his
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

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