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1   SENATE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to

3   learn of the death of George L. Harlow of Waukegan, who passed

4   away on December 15, 2015; and

5   WHEREAS, George Harlow was born in Waukegan on February 19,

6   1924 to Oscar and Mabel Harlow and lived in Waukegan most of

7   his life; he graduated from Waukegan Township High School after

8   attending North and Washington grade schools in Waukegan; and

9   WHEREAS, George Harlow served in the United States Army Air

10   Force, during World War II; he had one tour of flight duty in

11   the Caribbean and then, traveling by way of South America,

12   Africa, and French Morocco, reached his permanent station, the

13   8th Air Force base in Norwich, England; his Liberator Bomber

14   was shot down in a raid over Germany in the winter of 1943-44,

15   and, after parachuting into the German mountains, was taken

16   prisoner by the German SS and spent a year and a half in 3

17   different prison camps located in East Prussia, Poland, and

18   Germany; he escaped to the English front in April of 1945 and

19   was then flown to Oxford, England, where he was hospitalized

20   for 7 weeks; his decorations include the American and European

21   Theatre Ribbons, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Victory

22   Medal, the Air Force Commendation, the French Croix de Guerre

23   with Palm Medal, the Prisoner of War Medal, the Air Medal, the

1   Purple Heart, and the Presidential Unit Citation; in late 1945,

2   his bomb group, the 8th Air Force 445th Bomb Group, was awarded

3   the American Order of the French Croix de Guerre by the country

4   of France, only the third American bomb group ever so honored;

5   and

6   WHEREAS, After the war, George Harlow attended the

7   University of Illinois Extension in Chicago, while employed by

8   the Wetzel and Turner Buick-Chevrolet Agency as a Service and

9   Sales Administrative Assistant; he worked as a sales

10   representative for the Johns Manville Friction Material

11   Division of St. Louis, Missouri, covering the North-Central

12   United States; he joined the Bank of Waukegan in 1967 and

13   worked in every department of the bank, finally concentrating

14   his efforts in the Commercial Lending and Trust Departments as

15   the Senior Vice-President and Trust Officer; and

16   WHEREAS, George Harlow was a former member of the Waukegan

17   Jaycees and the Waukegan Elks Lodge; he was a member of the

18   Waukegan City Club, Ducks Unlimited, American Legion Post 281,

19   Waukegan AMVETS, the Purple Heart Association, Navy League of

20   the United States, the American Ex-Prisoners of War

21   Association, the 8th Air Force Second Air Division Association,

22   the 8th Air Force Historical Society, the 445th Bomb Group, the

23   Caterpillar Parachute Club, and the Waukegan Yacht Club; he was

24   a member of the Lake County Contractors Association, serving on

1   the Board of Directors as Treasurer for 8 years and then

2   serving on the Board of Governors as an Associate

3   Representative; he was a member of the Glen Flora Country Club

4   for 63 years, serving on the Board of Governors for 7 years,

5   holding the Office of President in 1970 and serving on various

6   committees for over 32 years; he was the writer-editor of the

7   club newsletter known as The Caddy in the 1960s and 1970s and

8   later the writer-editor of the country club newsletter known as

9   The Communicator, which was distributed for many years; and

10   WHEREAS, George Harlow was preceded in death by his

11   parents; and

12   WHEREAS, George Harlow is survived by Sandy, the love of

13   his life, daughter Jody (Patrick) Rouse, Sue (Jeff) Martinson,

14   Dan McLaughlin, David McLaughlin, grandchildren Derek

15   McLaughlin, Joseph Rouse, Olivia Rouse and George Martinson;

16   therefore, be it

17   RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

18   ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

19   George L. Harlow, and extend our sincere condolences to his

20   family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it

21   further

22   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1   presented to the family of George Harlow as an expression of

2   our deepest sympathy.