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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Anton A. Axotis, who passed away February 16, 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Anton A. Axotis was born on September 3, 1926 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and was married to Maria Axotis on September 1, 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Anton A. Axotis was the past president of Holy Trinity Church in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and a past board member of St. Demetrius Church in Waukegan, Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Anton A. Axotis proudly served in the United States Army from 1945 to 1946; during this period he earned the following medals: the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Philippine Independence Ribbon, the Victory Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Anton A. Axotis served for twenty years as a State Service Officer for the Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs, where he received an award for distinguished service in furthering the aims and ideals of the Illinois Veteran; and

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WHEREAS, Anton A. Axotis was a fifty year member of the American Legion, where he also served eight years as an adjutant and six years as membership chairman; he was cited for distinguished service to the American Legion in helping to make the community aware of its programs and for service to the community; and

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WHEREAS, Anton A. Axotis was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, and was given the Commander's Award for two consecutive years; he also served as Membership Chairman and conducted the "Forget Me Not" Drive; and

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1 WHEREAS, Anton A. Axotis was a life member and Commander
2 of the AmVets, where he served as membership chairman and
3 White Clover Drive Chairman; he was awarded the Certificate
4 of Merit and was named the Post AmVet of the year in 1996;
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6 WHEREAS, Anton A. Axotis was awarded the Certificate of
7 Appreciation from the Vietnam Veteran's Association for
8 "being a generous and committed friend whose kindness has
9 helped keep alive the memory of those who served in the
10 Vietnam War; he was also a life member of the V.F.W.; and

11 WHEREAS, The passing of Anton A. Axotis will be deeply
12 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his loving
13 wife of 43 years, Maria; and his children; Antonia (husband,
14 Gene) Beiriger, Carrie (husband, Neil) Codell, Dina (husband,
15 Michael) Rotolo, Alex Axotis, and Theodore Axotis; therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
19 all who knew him, the death of Anton A. Axotis of Waukegan,
20 Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Anton A. Axotis.