

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Arthur Szold, who passed away on April 8, 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Arthur Szold was born on February 13, 1919, in
6 Peoria, Illinois, to Jacob and Elsa Freedman; and

7 WHEREAS, Arthur Szold proudly served his country during
8 World War II as a command pilot in the United States Air
9 Force; he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel; after
10 his discharge, he joined a team of other pilots and
11 established the Illinois Air National Guard Fighter Squadron
12 in Peoria, for which he received the Illinois Outstanding
13 Service Award; and

14 WHEREAS, Arthur Szold was a graduate of Bradley
15 University, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi
16 Fraternity; he also served as a member of the Board of
17 Trustees and of the Bradley Centurions; and

18 WHEREAS, Arthur Szold was the president of Szold's
19 Department Stores, which was founded by his grandfather,
20 Joseph Szold, in 1880; and

21 WHEREAS, Arthur Szold served as a commissioner for the
22 Greater Peoria Airport Authority for twenty-eight years; many
23 of the decisions he took part in have made the airport the
24 success it is today; and

25 WHEREAS, Arthur Szold served as the past president of the
26 Children's Home of Peoria and the Boys and Girls Club of
27 Peoria; he was instrumental in the construction of the first
28 high school swimming pool in Central Illinois; and

29 WHEREAS, In 1976, Arthur Szold chaired the Citizens for a
30 Civic Center Committee to promote the already proposed Peoria

1 Civic Center; he was later given the neighborhood House
2 Community Service Award for his dedication and work within
3 the Peoria community; and

4 WHEREAS, Arthur Szold was a member of the Peoria Downtown
5 Rotary Club, the Country Club of Peoria, a former board
6 member of the South Side Bank and First Federal Savings and
7 Loan; he also served as an elder at First Presbyterian Church
8 of Peoria; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of Arthur Szold will be deeply felt
10 by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Marian,
11 his sons, Dr. Flip (wife, Cindy) Szold and Tucker (wife,
12 Margaret) Szold; and his four grandchildren; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 all who knew him, the death of Arthur Szold of Peoria,
16 Illinois; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Arthur Szold with our sincere
19 condolences.