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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 Leslie H. Kenyon of East Peoria, who passed away on January 14, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born October 13, 1922, in Peoria to Camilla Myers and Fred Kenyon; he married Theo Jean Ahrends on October 23, 1954, in Peoria; he was a graduate of Peoria High School and the University of Michigan, where he earned his degree in architecture; and

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WHEREAS, During World War II he served in the United States Army, first in a camouflage unit, and following engineering training at State College, Pennsylvania, he was stationed in Hawaii; and

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WHEREAS, As past president of the Central Illinois Landmarks Foundation, he worked to save Peoria's heritage, starting with the restoration of the Grand Army of the Republic Hall on Hamilton Boulevard; as president of Peoria City Beautiful in the 1960s, he led the petition drives to create the plaza for the new Peoria County Courthouse, instead of a parking lot, and also brought national speakers to talk on preservation; and

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1 WHEREAS, As an architect, he restored the Peoria City Hall,
2 but also designed buildings, including Peoria Players Theatre
3 and the Constance Hall addition at Bradley University; in
4 Eureka, he restored the original Eureka College Chapel attended
5 by students in the 19th century; in addition to historic
6 preservation, his firm also has designed schools in the region,
7 churches, commercial businesses, and other structures; the
8 firm will continue under the Kenyon name; and

9 WHEREAS, Leslie Kenyon is survived by his wife, Theo;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
13 his family and friends, the passing of Leslie Kenyon; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Leslie Kenyon as a symbol of our
17 sincere sympathy.