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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 Donald James Randa of Chicago, who passed away on October 13, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Oak Park; he graduated from Morton High School in 1939; he attended the University of Chicago, and later the University of Michigan, before joining the United States Army in 1942; he served stateside in the medical corps during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, While stationed at Fort Custer in Battle Creek, Michigan, he met his future wife, Mary, who was a civilian undergoing training to become a physical therapist; after he left the military in 1946, they returned to the Chicago area and were married in 1947; and

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WHEREAS, He began his career with Life Newspapers after his father insisted he come to work for him; he began by selling ads and dropping off bundles of newspapers; he later became vice president in charge of sales and general business operations; and

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WHEREAS, He later became co-owner of the company and executive vice president; after his retirement in the late

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1 1990s, Life Newspapers was sold to Liberty Group Publishing;
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3 WHEREAS, Donald Randa is survived by his wife, Mary; his
4 children, Lynne Dougherty and Larry Randa (Deborah); his
5 grandchildren, Matthew Dougherty (Crystal), Katie Zuercher
6 (Jared), Jennifer Reyes (Steven), and Jill Tester (Dr.
7 Gregory); his great-grandchildren, Eirelyn and Noella
8 Zuercher, Alyssa Dougherty, and Jacob Reyes; and many wonderful
9 nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews;
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 Donald Randa; and be it
14 further

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