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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 William Henry Schroeder of Long Lake, who passed away on December 17, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Libertyville on February 28, 1929, the son of the late Lydia and Marshall Schroeder; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and was staff sergeant in the United States Army during the Korean War; William; with his father, Marshall R. Schroeder, founded Lakeland Newspapers in 1956 and was a charter member of the Suburban Press Foundation (SPF), predecessor to the Suburban Newspapers of America; he was president of the Illinois Press Association (IPA), the largest State newspaper group in the country; and

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WHEREAS, He organized and began the Illinois Press Foundation (IPF), a committee comprised of former IPA presidents who helped solidify the organization in the area of endowments and support services for the newspaper industry; he was also involved with the Suburban Newspapers of America; he was recognized for numerous journalism accomplishments during his 55-year newspaper career; he received the Illinois Press Association's "Best in State" newspapers honors 3 times and

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1 also won the 2002 CHINFO award for the best military newspaper
2 in the world; he also helped locate and finance the Illinois
3 Press Association's headquarters in Springfield; and

4 WHEREAS, He was the winner of the 2003 SNA Dean Lescher
5 national award for lifetime journalism achievements; he was
6 active in many Lake County chambers of commerce, the Navy
7 League, the Illinois Press Foundation Board of Directors, the
8 Lake County Fair, serving as historian, the Red Cross, and the
9 Long Lake Yacht Club, where he served as Commodore and Judge;
10 he also served on the boards of Condell Hospital, Fox Lake
11 State Bank, and Carmel Catholic High School; and

12 WHEREAS, His favorite hobbies were gardening, boating,
13 reading, music, and rooting for the Chicago Cubs; and

14 WHEREAS, William Schroeder is survived by his wife of
15 almost 50 years, Nancy; his children, William (Lisa), Jill
16 (Bill) McDermott, Karen (Jim) Miller, and Robert (Elise); his
17 grandchildren Erika, John, Alexandra, Nicole, Thomas,
18 Caroline, Marshall, and William; and his brother, Robert
19 (Elizabeth) Schroeder; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
22 his family and friends, the passing of William Schroeder; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of William Schroeder as a symbol of our
4 sincere sympathy.