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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 Ken J. McNatt, who passed away on September 4, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Ken McNatt was born and raised in Loveland, Colorado; he married his wife, Dolores, in 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Ken McNatt left college in 1942 to join the United States Navy, where he became a pilot in the Pacific theater during World War II and rose up to the rank of lieutenant junior grade; while wounded, he successfully landed his badly damaged plane after the plane's pilot had been shot and killed, an action that saved the lives of 4 other crew members; he received a Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal, among other awards, for his bravery; and

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WHEREAS, After the war, Ken McNatt finished college at the University of Denver in 1948 and then began a career in the sales department at Exxon; he retired after 35 years of service in 1983; and

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WHEREAS, After moving to Wheaton in 1965, Ken McNatt became involved in a broad range of service activities; he served as president of the Arrowhead Homeowners Association and was a

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1 township precinct committeeman; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1975, Ken McNatt joined the Warrenville Fire
3 Protection District board; over the next 36 years, he helped
4 oversee the transformation of the district from an
5 all-volunteer department to a much more professionally managed
6 district with a partially paid staff; he remained the
7 district's trustee emeritus after stepping down from the board
8 in 2011; in 1989, he was elected to serve as a trustee in
9 Milton Township, where he served 4 terms before retiring in
10 2005; as a trustee, he won broad support in 1998 for his
11 formation of the senior-oriented Salt program; and

12 WHEREAS, Ken McNatt was a recipient of the senior Good
13 Citizen award from the City of Wheaton in 2009 and was named a
14 veteran of the month by the Illinois Department of Veterans
15 Affairs in 2011; and

16 WHEREAS, Ken McNatt is survived by his wife; his daughters,
17 Gwen McNatt and Mary Helen Gibson; his 6 grandchildren; and his
18 great-grandchild; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 his family and friends, the passing of Ken J. McNatt; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Ken McNatt as an expression of our
3 sympathy.