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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply
3 saddened to learn of the death of Paul DesCoteaux of Geneva,
4 who passed away on December 5, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Paul DesCoteaux was born on December 7, 1928, to
6 William and Aldea (nee Soucy) DesCoteaux in Lowell,
7 Massachusetts; he graduated from Lowell Technical Institute
8 (University of Massachusetts) as a textile engineer; and

9 WHEREAS, Paul DesCoteaux worked for the Sun Oil Company,
10 Standard Oil of Indiana (BP Amoco), and the Lebanon Seaboard
11 Corporation; and

12 WHEREAS, Paul DesCoteaux was a lifelong learner; he
13 volunteered for Fox Valley Literacy, was the founder of the
14 Franklin Award and Scholarship for Science Education, and
15 served on the board of directors of the Fermilab Friends for
16 Science Education; he was co-founder of Geneva Learners, a
17 weekly study group focused on world affairs; he helped organize
18 the Fox Valley chapter of the Socrates Cafe, a global network
19 of independent groups that meet to keep philosophical thinking
20 alive; he was founder of the Geneva Beautification Committee;
21 and he served as an alderman in Geneva for 21 years and as its
22 interim mayor in 1996; and

1 WHEREAS, Paul DesCoteaux was preceded in death by his
2 parents, William and Aldea DesCoteaux; his brother, Albert; and
3 his granddaughters, Josephine and Margaret; and

4 WHEREAS, Paul DesCoteaux is survived by his wife of 60
5 years, Terry; his children, Denise (David) Fauntleroy, Paul
6 (Kerith) DesCoteaux, Andrea DesCoteaux, David (Beverly)
7 DesCoteaux, and Aimee (Daniel) Rogowski; his grandchildren,
8 Patrick, Andrew, Reinier, Emily, and Eleanor; his nieces and
9 nephews, Diane Peters, Nancy DiRocco (Peter), Gail DesCoteaux,
10 David (Annette) DesCoteaux, and Steven DesCoteaux; therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Paul DesCoteaux, and we extend our sincere condolences to his
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Paul DesCoteaux as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.