

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Leland T.
4 "Trig" Watson Jr. of Mundelein on Tuesday, July 8, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson was born on November 24, 1923 in
6 Davenport, Iowa to Marie (Homrighous) and Leland T. Watson
7 Sr.; he was a 1942 graduate of Davenport (Central) High
8 School; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson attended Augustana College and was a
10 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology with a
11 degree in civil engineering; he was a U.S. Navy veteran,
12 having served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II; he
13 was a member of the Mundelein VFW Post #7191 and the American
14 Legion Post in Bloomington; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson had been a member of the Fourth
16 Presbyterian Church in Chicago since 1968, where he was an
17 ordained deacon; he attended the First Presbyterian Church in
18 Libertyville for many years, where he enjoyed singing in the
19 choir; he was a member of the Liberty-Fremont Concert Society
20 and the Apollo Music Club in Chicago; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson was employed as a civilian and
22 director of engineering at the Great Lakes Naval Base for 40
23 years, where he designed and constructed cranes that hoisted
24 nuclear missiles onto U.S. Navy submarines; toward the end of
25 his career, he began writing historical articles about the
26 base for the Great Lakes Bulletin; and

27 WHEREAS, During his retirement, Mr. Watson became
28 instrumental in the concept and compiling of information and
29 artifacts for the Great Lakes Naval Museum, and he was its
30 first curator; his wife, Dottie, was always at his side and
31 together, they were responsible for the construction of the

1 museum from beginning to end; Mr. Watson served as the vice
2 president of the Fort Hill Heritage Museum in Mundelein; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing of Leland T. "Trig" Watson Jr. has
4 been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Dorothy
5 "Dottie" Watson; his sisters, Mary Komidar and Dr. Jean
6 Watson; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
9 of Leland T. "Trig" Watson Jr. and we extend our deepest
10 sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
11 him; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Leland T. "Trig" Watson Jr. as an
14 expression of our sincere condolences.