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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Major General Jack M. Frisbie of Waukegan on Wednesday, May 3, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, General Frisbie was born on July 26, 1925, in Sioux City, Iowa; he married Shirley M. Haas in 1948 in Sioux City, Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Morningside College in 1950 and completed the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Finance Graduate Program in 1965; and

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WHEREAS, General Frisbie enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942; he participated in numerous heavy combat operations in the South and Central Pacific Theaters during the 30 months he served overseas; he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in November of 1949 via the Meritorious Commissioned Officer's Program; and

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WHEREAS, He was again called to active duty in August of 1950 and served 18 months in combat operations in Korea with the First Marine Division; during that time, he was promoted to First Lieutenant; he joined the Organized Marine Corps Reserve and is one of the very few Marine Generals to ever command both ground and aviation units; he was promoted to Captain in July of 1953; and

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WHEREAS, In 1957, as commanding officer of the 43rd Infantry Company, General Frisbie's unit was awarded the General William Clement Award as the most outstanding Infantry Company in the Marine Corps; in 1965, as Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, his unit was cited as the Nation's Largest and Best Trained Infantry Battalion; and

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1           WHEREAS, He was promoted to Major in March of 1960 and to  
2 Lieutenant Colonel in September of 1965; General Frisbie served  
3 as Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Headquarters  
4 Squadron 48, Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing, Glenview, from 1967  
5 to 1969; the Marine Corps named his unit the Outstanding Combat  
6 Support Squadron of the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing in 1969;  
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8           WHEREAS, He was promoted to Colonel in July of 1970; during  
9 Maulex 1-73, he served as Commanding Officer of the 52nd Marine  
10 Amphibious Unit; in April of 1975, he was reassigned as  
11 Assistant Division Commander, 4th Marine Division; he was  
12 advanced to Brigadier General on June 3, 1975; in April of  
13 1976, he became Commanding General, 4th Force Service Support  
14 Group, 4th Marine Division, and set a precedent of becoming the  
15 first Reserve General in the Marine Corps to ever take command  
16 of a major Marine Corps unit in peace time; and

17           WHEREAS, In March of 1978, President Jimmy Carter nominated  
18 General Frisbie for promotion to Major General; he was advanced  
19 on April 1, 1978, and reassigned as Special Assistant to the  
20 President for Reserve Affairs; on April 15, 1981, General  
21 Frisbie was reassigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Reserve  
22 Affairs (Mobilization Designee); he served in this capacity  
23 until his retirement on September 1, 1984; and

24           WHEREAS, General Frisbie was elected National President of  
25 the Marine Corps Reserve Officer's Association in May of 1973;  
26 in June of 1979, he was elected Chairman of the Board; he is a  
27 past Vice President of the Navy League, and he served a three  
28 year tour as a member of the Marine Corps Reserve Policy Board;  
29 in October of 1978, the Secretary of the Navy appointed him  
30 President of the Policy Board; and

31           WHEREAS, On May 12, 1980, the Secretary of Defense

1 appointed General Frisbie to a three year term as a member of  
2 the Armed Forces Policy Board; the Secretary of Navy, on March  
3 1, 1983, appointed General Frisbie President of the Marine  
4 Corps Policy Board for the second time; the Illinois Chamber of  
5 Commerce presented General Frisbie the Distinguished Service  
6 Award in recognition of his community work and leadership in  
7 Civic Affairs; he served on several Boards of Directors as an  
8 advisor or consultant; and

9 WHEREAS, An Investment Banker in civilian life, General  
10 Frisbie was the Vice President in charge of Midwest Operations  
11 for Chicago based John Nuveen and Company, Inc.; and

12 WHEREAS, The passing of Major General Frisbie has been  
13 deeply felt by many, especially his four children, seven  
14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; he was preceded in  
15 death by his wife, Shirley; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Major General Jack M. Frisbie, who served his country with  
19 honor and distinction, and we extend our sincere condolences to  
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
23 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
24 sympathy.