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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express
3 their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Elmer E.
4 "Buzz" Emerson, who passed away on October 30, 2006; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Emerson was retired from the United States
6 Navy, serving as a Lieutenant for 21 years in active duty and
7 naval reserve time; he served in both World War II and the
8 Korean War; Mr. Emerson was a survivor of the attack on Pearl
9 Harbor, serving aboard the U.S.S. San Francisco; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Emerson worked in the area of human resources
11 at 3M, Whirlpool, Abbott Laboratories, Masonite, and
12 Harper-Wyman; he retired as Vice-President of Human Resources
13 of the Evangelical Hospital Association (now Advocate Health
14 Care); and

15 WHEREAS, Elmer E. "Buzz" Emerson served in community
16 organizations, including Friends of the Library, S.A.L.T.
17 (Seniors and Legal Together), and the Community Services Block
18 Grant advisory board of DuPage County; he was active in the
19 First Presbyterian Church of Downers Grove, serving in the role
20 of elder, deacon, and trustee; and

21 WHEREAS, He will be remembered for his social work, which

1 began during a faith experience during a Cursillo retreat in
2 the 1960s; he was instrumental in founding FISH, which provides
3 emergency help and food to those in need; FISH provides
4 clothing, food, and referrals to people needing assistance; and

5 WHEREAS, Elmer Emerson is survived by his wife, Charlotte;
6 his children, Paul (Hanna Zmijewska-Emerson), Evelyn (Bruce
7 Kramer), Barbara (Arvid Grinbergs), Kenneth (Melinda), and
8 Greg and Cindy King; his six grandchildren; his 3
9 great-grandchildren; and his brother, Kenneth (Millie); he was
10 preceded in death by his father, Harry, his mother, Dora, and
11 his sister, Shirley; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
14 his family and friends, the passing of Elmer E. "Buzz" Emerson;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Elmer E. "Buzz" Emerson.