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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 Larry Wetherholt of Decatur, who passed away on April 25, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Wetherholt was born on September 26, 1937 in Decatur; his parents were Hansel and Myrtle Bennett Wetherholt; he married Dorothy Elizabeth (Liz) Burton on February 14, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Larry Wetherholt served his country from 1954 to 1959 in the U. S. Marine Corps; he was well known in the Decatur community for his art work and sense of humor; his Timber-Doodle ran in the Herald and Review and other newspapers for 15 years; his biggest accomplishment was 5 Bavarian Sculptures of Children's Fountain in Frankenmuth, Michigan, which has been seen by thousands of tourists; he had an exhibit in Paris, France in 1983; he won snow sculpture events with his sons, which took him to Quebec, Canada and Cortina, Italy; his works included the Cross and two other pieces for the Lutheran School Association of Decatur and a cityscape in metal at Earthmover's; he designed ornaments for Easter Seals, a mural at Hickory Point Bank Forsyth, a sculpture of Children in front of McGaughy School in Mt. Zion, two sculptures of Children at the Scovil Zoo, and many work shops in Decatur area schools as

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1 well as judging at art fairs; and

2 WHEREAS, Larry Wetherholt was preceded in death by his
3 parents and his sister, Verna Gail Richards; he is survived by
4 his wife, Dorothy Elizabeth (Liz) Wetherholt; his five
5 children, Troy Dale, Stephen Larry (Kelli), Alan Wayne (LaRea),
6 Tina Rene Simroth (Mike), and Eric Christopher (Tricia); his
7 grandchildren, Crystal Pence, Donald Palmiter, April
8 Wetherholt, Larry James Wetherholt, Bethany Wetherholt, and
9 Jeremy Simroth; and his five great grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Larry Wetherholt will be remembered by all who
11 knew him as a loving man who devoted himself fully to his art;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of Larry Wetherholt; and be
16 it further

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