SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Dick Pierce, a longtime resident of Lisle, who passed away on January 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Dick Pierce was born September 4, 1922 in Buchanan, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, He served as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II; he graduated from North Central College and Northern Illinois University, and taught and coached at Washington Junior High School, District 203, Naperville for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, He received the Teacher of the Year (Red Apple) Award after former CNN and CBS news anchor Paula Zahn, a former student, wrote a letter praising his abilities; as a testament to his love of teaching, he volunteered for many years as a tutor for Little Friends; he played the stand-up bass with Roy Rubenstein and the Chicago Hot Six jazz band, enjoyed flying, playing tennis, writing, and taking photographs; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his sister, Carol Lamport; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Dick Pierce will be deeply felt by those who knew and loved him, especially his loving wife of 27 years, Shirley Pierce; his wonderful children, Sherie Lin (Bob) Huber, Stevie Pierce, Charlie "Allen" (Linda) Pierce, Renee Feldmeier, and John (Mary) Henderson; his special grandchildren, Lindsay Huber, Christofer, Matthew, and Alexandria Feldmeier, Jeremy, Corey, and Andy Pierce, and Gabrielle Henderson; his two cherished great-grandchildren; his dear sister, Mary Ellen Jones; and his brother, Gael Pierce; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Dick Pierce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dick Pierce as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.

