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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 John A. Mitchell of Crystal Lake, who passed away on July 11, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, John A. Mitchell was born on June 19, 1928; his parents were Arnold and Anna Mitchell; he married Jeanne Zoia on April 23, 1949 in Woodstock; and

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WHEREAS, John A. Mitchell was involved in the automobile business for more than 60 years; soon after attending Crystal Lake High School, he went to work for Overton Chevrolet in Crystal Lake; the dealership later became Reichert Chevrolet, where he worked his way up to the position of general manager; and

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WHEREAS, In 1970, John A. Mitchell fulfilled his lifelong dream of opening his own new car dealership, Mitchell Buick Olds in McHenry; during his 60-year automotive career, he also owned other dealerships, including Mitchell Chevrolet in Marengo, Mitchell AMC Jeep in McHenry, and Mitchell Lincoln Mercury in McHenry, as well as several used car dealerships and an auto body shop; and

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WHEREAS, John A. Mitchell was preceded in death by his

1 parents; his brother, Arnold (Bud); and his sister, Rita; and

2 WHEREAS, John A. Mitchell is survived by his wife, Jeanne;
3 his six daughters, who were his pride and joy, Patricia
4 Prentice, Irene (John) Golbeck, Mary (Phil) Grant, Janet (Tony)
5 Balchunas, Kay (Tim) Benoy, and Maureen (Rick) Benoy; his 13
6 grandchildren, Gene and Anna Prentice, Jennifer and Tom
7 Golbeck, Sue and Mike Grant, Jon and Brittany Balchunas, and
8 Natalie, Stephanie, Steve, Matt, and Kristi Benoy; his five
9 great-grandchildren, Morgan, MacKinzie, and Mason Prentice,
10 and Kaitlyn and Emily Golbeck; and his sister, Colette
11 Pindersk; and

12 WHEREAS, John A. Mitchell will be remembered by all who
13 knew and loved him as an honest and effective community and
14 civic leader and as a loving and caring grandfather; therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 his family and friends, the passing of John A. Mitchell; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of John A. Mitchell as an expression of
22 our sympathy.