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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 Dr. Claude Hiles of Glen Carbon, who passed away on December 12, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Claude Hiles was born on May 15, 1923, in Granite City, the son of Joseph and Lena Hiles, where he lived until moving to Glen Carbon in 1962; he married Audrey Sheppard on March 26, 1948, in Granite City; and

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WHEREAS, A member of the greatest generation, he left his job at American Steel in Granite City and enlisted in the United States Navy, becoming a Pharmacists Mate First Class in the Medical Corp; he earned a Bronze Star, participating in the invasion and subsequent Philippine Liberation; like many in the Corp at that time, he donated his own vitamins and medicine to those on the Island in greater need; he never spoke of the personal disability which resulted from that unselfish act; and

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WHEREAS, After the war, Claude attended The Chicago College of Chiropody and Pedic Surgery (now Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine), earning his degree as a foot doctor in 1949; always active and committed, he served his community in many leadership roles over the years including, among others, membership on the School Board and Housing Authority

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1 Commissioner; and

2 WHEREAS, Claude Hiles practiced podiatry for 40 years, with
3 offices in Granite City, Alton, East St. Louis, and on The Hill
4 in St. Louis; he was credited as being the founding father of
5 podiatry in the St. Louis area, having trained numerous foot
6 surgeons during the 1970s; he founded the first surgical
7 residency program in the Metro-St. Louis region at Lindell
8 Hospital and was also the first podiatrist on staff at Anderson
9 Hospital in Maryville, where he chaired the podiatry committee
10 for a number of years; and

11 WHEREAS, Claude Hiles was named a Fellow of the
12 International College of Foot Surgeons for his success and
13 leadership in surgery; he was on the Board of Trustees of the
14 Big Ten Club of Podiatry which also recognized him as Man of
15 the Year for continuous outstanding service to the profession;
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17 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey; he
18 was also preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Gladys
19 Gilly and Agnes Bowler; and his brother, Joseph Hiles; and

20 WHEREAS, He is survived by his two sons, David and Tony
21 Hiles; his two daughters, Aleana Hiles and Leann Kinscherff;
22 one son-in-law, David Kinscherff; one daughter-in-law, Donna

1 Hiles; one foster son, Bob Michaels; four grandsons, John and
2 Matthew Kinscherff, and Chad and Clayton Hiles; two
3 granddaughters, Kristin Kinscherff and Kristin Best; one
4 great-granddaughter, Haley Kinscherff; and several dear nieces
5 and nephews and many friends; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 his family and friends, the passing of Dr. Claude Hiles; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Dr. Claude Hiles as a symbol of our
12 sincere sympathy.