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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 Christos K. Hountalas of Aurora, who passed away on October 16, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas was born in Kandyla, Tripolis, Greece on April 15, 1924; he was the son of the late Konstandinos and Eleni Hountalas; and

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WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas served in the first established Greek army following World War II, where he fought against Communist forces during the Greek Civil War; he was later appointed an evzone (King's honor guard), one of two selected out of 1500, where he guarded the tomb of the Unknown Soldier; and

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WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas immigrated to the United States, where he married his sweetheart, Harriet Koulos, on April 27, 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas worked for Krohler Manufacturing from 1952 to 1966 and Sealmaster from 1966 until his retirement in 1991; and

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WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas was one of the founders of the St.

1 Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church in Aurora in 1966; he served
2 several years on the church's parish council and building
3 committee when the church was built in its present location in
4 1979; and

5 WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas was a regular at the City Golf
6 Courses, a game he took up at age 67, playing 4 times a week and
7 walking all 18 holes; and

8 WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas is survived by his cherished
9 spouse and partner of 56 years, Harriet; his loving children,
10 the Reverend Dean (Olga), Spiro (Eleni), and Elaine (Brien)
11 McHale; his adored grandchildren, Chris, Steven, Christos, and
12 Sophia Hountalas and Brien, Siobhan, Sean, and Kevan McHale;
13 his sister, Christine Boulias; and his several cousins,
14 nephews, and nieces; and

15 WHEREAS, Chris Hountalas will be remembered by all who knew
16 and loved him as a man who loved life and had a knack for
17 bringing a smile to everyone around him; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of Christos K. Hountalas;
21 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Chris Hountalas as an expression of
3 our sympathy.