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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 Richard A. Foltynewicz of Ottawa, who passed away on April 10, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Foltynewicz was born on September 25, 1925 in Marseilles; his parents were Anton and Gertrude (Petzel) Foltynewicz; he married Patricia Elaine McGinnis on January 9, 1946 at St. Joseph's Church in Marseilles; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Foltynewicz proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Foltynewicz was the retired owner and operator of Richard's Lawn and Garden Shop in Ottawa; he was also retired from Libbey Owens Ford; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Foltynewicz was a member of St. Columba Church; he was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, the Marine Corps League, Catholic War Vets, Polish War Vets, and the Knights of Columbus; he was also a member of various lawn and garden organizations and served for 12 years on the La Salle County Board; and

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WHEREAS, Richard Foltynewicz was an active participant in

1 politics; he was a leader in the "Pennies For Pearl" campaign
2 for the recognition of Pearl Harbor Day on the calendar; he was
3 successful in that effort and was present for the signing of
4 the declaration by President Bill Clinton; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Foltyniewicz was preceded in death by his
6 parents; his sisters, Irene Sharp and Clara and Delores
7 Foltyniewicz; and his brothers, Frank, Eugene, and Edward
8 Foltyniewicz; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Foltyniewicz is survived by his loving wife
10 of 63 years, Patricia Elaine Foltyniewicz; his children, Richard
11 Allen (Carol) Foltyniewicz, Barbara Ann (James) Straughan,
12 Daniel P. (Elyse) Foltyniewicz, and Gary (Gail) Foltyniewicz; his
13 sister, Catherine Kennell; his brother, Ronald (Josephine)
14 Foltyniewicz; his sister-in-law, Betty Foltyniewicz; and his
15 seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; therefore,
16 be it

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

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Richard Foltyniewicz as an expression

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1 of our sympathy.