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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 Stephen J. Andras of Aurora, who passed away on April 12, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on September 12, 1923, in Temple, Pennsylvania, the son of Michael and Anna (Kielar) Andras; and

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WHEREAS, He served with the first division of the United States Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific Islands and was discharged on January 18, 1946 after being wounded in the line of duty; he received a Purple Heart for his dedicated service; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Andras was a dedicated publisher who retired as president from the Strathmore Printing Company in 1985 after 35 years of service; he then owned and ran Cogan Productions, a supplier of Catholic catechisms to ministries worldwide until his death; Mr. Andras was an active member of Holy Angels Church; he had a strong faith which was evident throughout his life; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Andras was committed to serving the community; he was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Serra Club, Toastmaster's, and the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley; he also

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1 served on the board for Rush Copley Hospital and was the  
2 campaign manager for former Aurora mayor, Al McCoy; Mr. Andras  
3 was dedicated to increasing awareness of the blind, a generous  
4 donor to many organizations, and was active in his  
5 philanthropic work; and

6 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael  
7 and Anna; his wife, Betty; his daughter, Susan; his brother,  
8 John; and his sister, Anna; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Andras is survived by his daughters, Carol  
10 Andras and Francine (Alan) Eggleston; his son, Stephen (Debbie)  
11 Andras; and his grandchildren, Traci, Carrie, and Kyle  
12 Eggleston, and Adam and Madeline Andras; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
15 his family and friends, the passing of Stephen J. Andras; and  
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Stephen J. Andras as a symbol of our  
19 sincere sympathy.