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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 Leon Shlofrock of Skokie, who passed away on September 12, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, He grew up in Brooklyn, New York, the son of a Polish immigrant furrier; he was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Brooklyn and took classes at the University of Chicago and George Washington University; and

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WHEREAS, He served in the United States Army during World War II, fighting in France and was shot in battle; he was later made an honorary colonel by former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar; and

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WHEREAS, After the war he became active in the labor movement in New York City and was an officer in the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America; in 1955 he came to Chicago and held positions that included serving as a business manager with a local of the Chicago Fur Workers Union, where he retired in 1968; and

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WHEREAS, He started what is now the Illinois Long Term Care Council, representing more than 200 Illinois health-care facilities today; he was the owner of Betcare Associates, a

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1 family-owned company that owns long-term care facilities; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Shlofrock was the owner of numerous  
3 thoroughbred horses and was a regular at horse tracks; he was  
4 appointed to the Illinois Racing Board in 2000 by former  
5 Illinois Governor George Ryan and stepped down in 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, Leon Shlofrock is survived by his wife, Jean; his  
7 sons, John and Mike; his daughter, Elisa Zusman; and five  
8 grandchildren; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
11 his family and friends, the passing of Leon Shlofrock; and be  
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Leon Shlofrock as a symbol of our  
15 sincere sympathy.