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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 Lyman Shepard of Oak Park, who passed away on December 28, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Lyman Shepard was an internationally known lecturer on Frank Lloyd Wright and other noted Chicago architects; he was born on October 30, 1922 in Oak Park and passed away nearly on the one-year anniversary of the death of his wife, Anna, to whom he had been married for 55 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Shepard was office manager for Paine Webber in downtown Chicago; after his retirement he began doing slide presentations on Frank Lloyd Wright; he was one of the original 13 founders of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation and served on the board; and

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WHEREAS, When he gave presentations on Frank Lloyd Wright, Mr. Shepard would enter the room in a cape and special hat, saying, "I am Frank Lloyd Wright and I am the world's greatest architect," then proceed for more than 45 minutes without referring to notes, discussing the most famous buildings Wright had designed; it was a showstopper and he was in great demand for this and lectures on Louis Sullivan and other architects, appearing at clubs, libraries, and architectural organizations

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1 as far away as Australia; and

2 WHEREAS, He and his wife were longtime members of First
3 Baptist Church of Oak Park, where he was an usher and member of
4 the governing board; and

5 WHEREAS, Lyman Shepard is survived by his son, Drake
6 (Beverly); and his two grandsons, Colton and Grant; therefore,
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8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 his family and friends, the passing of Lyman Shepard; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Lyman Shepard as a symbol of our
14 sincere sympathy.