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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 Robert "Bob" Waldmire, who passed away on December 16, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Waldmire was born on April 19, 1945, in St. Louis; his parents were Edwin and Virginia Waldmire; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Waldmire grew up in Springfield and Rochester; he graduated from Rochester High School and attended Springfield College in Illinois (now Benedictine University at Springfield) SIU-Carbondale, and ASU; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Waldmire had a lifelong career as a traveling artist drawing college bird's-eye view calendar maps; in the late 1980s, he began focusing his efforts and talents on documenting and preserving Old Route 66 from Chicago to San Bernardino; his meticulous artwork recreates much of the old highway as it used to be and continues to stimulate renewed interest in this National Historic Landmark; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Waldmire was preceded in death by his parents; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Waldmire is survived by his son, Jim

1 Graham; his grandchildren, Mia and Parker; his brothers, Bill  
2 (Arlene), Buz, Jeff (Carol), and Tom; his sister-in-law, Sue  
3 Waldmire; and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
6 his family and friends, the passing of Robert "Bob" Waldmire;  
7 and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Robert Waldmire as an expression of  
10 our sympathy.