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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 Alex Robert Seith, former Hinsdale resident, of Hollywood, Florida, who passed away on March 23, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born July 27, 1934 in Aurora to Alex and Helen Seith; as a young man, he earned the Rank of Eagle Scout, participated in debate, track, and football at Aurora West High School, graduating in 1952; he attended Yale University on scholarship, earning a degree in philosophy in 1956; and

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WHEREAS, He married Frances Remington of Rochester, New York in September of 1956; he earned his law degree at Harvard University in 1960, and returned to the Chicago area to become a well-known corporate and real estate attorney; throughout the early years of his career, he also served as a Captain in the United States Army Reserve; and

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WHEREAS, While in college, he formed a keen interest in politics and history, which would last throughout his life; he became an active member of the Chicago Young Democrats and was a former chairman of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations; most notably, he served as chairman of the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals for more than 40 years; and

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1 WHEREAS, He was the 1978 Democratic nominee for the United
2 States Senate from Illinois; a complete newcomer to electoral
3 politics, he narrowly lost to incumbent Republican Charles
4 Percy; he later went on to co-own a number of radio stations,
5 including WSDR/WSSQ in Sterling, as well as Illinois News
6 Network, a statewide radio network; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout the late 1980s and early 1990s he
8 provided on-air commentaries for WLS (Channel 7) television in
9 Chicago; he was frequently a guest on local television and
10 radio stations offering election-night analysis; he had a
11 passion for travel, taking his children and grandsons on
12 numerous "history lesson" trips to the former Soviet Union,
13 Czech Republic, and the great cities of Europe; and

14 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances, and
15 his parents, Alex and Helen Seith; and

16 WHEREAS, Alex Seith is survived by his children, William
17 (Carol Johnson) Seith, Kathleen (George) Corso, and Robert
18 (Cathy VanSchwartz); and his grandchildren Sebastian, Calvin,
19 and Alexis Seith; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 his family and friends, the passing of Alex Seith; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Alex Seith as a symbol of our
5 sincere sympathy.