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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 J. Stumm of New Orleans, Louisiana, formerly of Bonita Springs, Florida and Aurora, Illinois, who passed away on May 4, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Stumm was the son of Bernard J. and Jane Stumm; he was raised in Aurora; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Stumm graduated from West Aurora High School in 1941 and attended Dartmouth College; he then joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve until his honorable discharge; he graduated from University of Illinois in 1946; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Stumm met Dolores Ruddy when they were both teenagers; the couple married in 1947 and settled in Aurora, where they raised their three sons, David, Hans, and Rob; in 1992, the couple left Aurora and moved to Bonita Springs, Florida; in 2005, they moved to Lambeth House in New Orleans just in time for Hurricane Katrina; they were the first evacuees to leave Lambeth House and spent the fall in Chicago with their son, David, at his home; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Stumm made a career selling life insurance to his friends and acquaintances; he also dabbled in politics

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1 and was Chairman of the Kane County Board of Supervisors during
2 the 1960s; he and his friend, D.V. McWethy, formed McWethy
3 Brothers Insurance, which was sold to Corroon & Black (now
4 Willis) in 1980; shortly afterwards, he retired and began a
5 career as a model, appearing in many advertisements in
6 magazines such as Time, Newsweek, AARP, and Modern Maturity; he
7 also appeared in videos for hospitals and Snapper lawnmowers;
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9 WHEREAS, Robert Stumm was a member and President of the
10 Aurora Country Club; he was Director of the Home Savings and
11 Loan in Aurora; he was a life member of the Elks Club, Moose
12 Club, Exchange Club, and Union League Club of Chicago; while in
13 New Orleans, he was the oldest member to ever be initiated into
14 The Recess Club; and

15 WHEREAS, Robert Stumm enjoyed many sports and quit them
16 all; he enjoyed basketball, tennis, hunting, fishing,
17 bicycling, and handball for 50 years; his last bowling match
18 ended memorably, with the ball, shoes, and bag being thrown
19 into the Fox River; he took up flying at age 50 and earned a
20 Private Certificate with multi-engine and instrument ratings;
21 he enjoyed many flights with his wife in his Twin Comanche,
22 because none of his friends would fly with him; and

23 WHEREAS, Robert Stumm is survived by his wife, Dolores; his

1 sister, Eloise Brush; his sons, David (Kathy), Hans
2 (Priscilla), and Rob (Kit); his grandchildren, Jenny Knapp,
3 Brian, David, Jim, and Jack Stumm, Alexandra Pogorelec, Amanda
4 Stumm, and Courtney, Celie, and Sibyl Stumm; and his 16
5 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 his family and friends, the passing of Robert J. Stumm; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Robert Stumm as an expression of our
12 sympathy.