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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 Vern I. McCarthy Jr. of Oak Brook, who passed away on February 25, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Vern McCarthy Jr. was born on May 12, 1927, in Melrose Park; his parents were Vern I. and Vivien (nee Decker) McCarthy Sr.; he grew up in Maywood and River Forest; he married Janet Strahle on January 10, 1959, but divorced in the early 1960s; he then married Gaylen Broyles; and

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WHEREAS, Vern McCarthy Jr. was employed with the family business, Vulcan Containers, Inc. of Bellwood, throughout his youth but was drafted into the United States Navy as World War II was winding down; after basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, he helped bring back naval assets from Japan; after his honorable discharge, he went looking for a college, but the flood of returning GIs filling up schools forced him to attend Southwest Missouri State College; he then became eager to return to Vulcan and left college after one year; and

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WHEREAS, Vern McCarthy Jr. wound down his involvement with Vulcan Containers in the latter half of the 1970s, allowing him to fully indulge in his life's passions, politics and jazz; he

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1 was well known by his family and friends for his love of
2 country and his love of jazz; and

3 WHEREAS, Vern McCarthy Jr. was preceded in death by his
4 first wife and second wife; his sister, Irene Elizabeth
5 Donohoe; and his stepmother, Dorothy; and

6 WHEREAS, Vern McCarthy Jr. is survived by his children,
7 Kenton V. McCarthy, Leslie A. (Scott) Miller, and Brian P.
8 (Tracy) McCarthy; his grandchildren, Brett, Blake, and Matthew
9 Miller and Samantha and Sydney McCarthy; his sister, Rianna
10 (Willie) Williams; his brother-in-law, Richard (Irene)
11 Donohoe; and his dear friends, Richard Dolce, John Burnett, and
12 Violet Bong; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of Vern I. McCarthy Jr.;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Vern McCarthy Jr. as an expression
19 of our sympathy.