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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 Anthony Nemetz of Waukegan, who passed away on July 18, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Anthony Nemetz was born on December 14, 1918 and raised in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where his parents, Anton and Rose Nemetz, owned and operated a bar and restaurant on Sheridan Road; in June of 1940, he married Mary Ellen Spiroff and moved to Waukegan; a son, Robert, was born the following year; and

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WHEREAS, Soon after the birth of his son, Anthony Nemetz was drafted into the U.S. Army and sent to war, where he served as an infantryman during World War II; in the winter of 1944-45, he took part in the Battle of the Bulge, the single largest and bloodiest battle fought by American forces during the war; during that battle, he suffered a shrapnel wound; and

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WHEREAS, After World War II, Anthony Nemetz worked as a salesman for Sears, Roebuck & Co.; he then went into business for himself manufacturing and selling aluminum storm and screen windows; later, he started his own general contracting business, constructing numerous well-built homes throughout Lake County; after his wife passed away in 1969, he opened a car wash on the corner of Greenwood and Jackson in Waukegan and

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1 later opened a self-service car wash on Edison Court; and

2 WHEREAS, Anthony Nemetz was a talented musician who played
3 in a local tamburitizan orchestra that entertained at weddings,
4 picnics, and other Croatian events; he frequently enjoyed
5 playing the organ for family and friends; he enjoyed traveling
6 to visit his son Bob and his wife Peggy in Maryland, other
7 members of his family in Florida and Pennsylvania, and the
8 family members of his long-time companion, Margaret Egan, who
9 had children and grandchildren in several other states; he was
10 an avid sports fan who closely followed his favorite teams, the
11 Chicago Cubs, the Chicago Bears, and the Chicago Bulls, and was
12 a good golfer as well; his hobby was to try to beat the odds at
13 the local offtrack betting outlet, where he spent many hours
14 with friends; he was also a die-hard Democrat who kept current
15 on all politics and who did not hesitate to argue his position
16 on issues with anyone who would do so; and

17 WHEREAS, Anthony Nemetz was preceded in death by his
18 parents, Anton and Rose (Kovacic) Nemetz; his sister, Rose
19 Miladin; and his brothers, Frank and Robert Nemetz; and

20 WHEREAS, Anthony Nemetz is survived by his son, Robert
21 Anthony Nemetz; his daughter-in-law, Margaret "Peggy"
22 Nottingham Nemetz; his nephews, James Nemetz and Bill Miladin;
23 and several cousins; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 his family and friends, the passing of Anthony Nemetz; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Anthony Nemetz as an expression of
7 our sympathy.