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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 Clifford Becker Sr. of Oak Park, who passed away on December 30, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Clifford Becker Sr. was born in Sublette on January 5, 1930, and raised in Maytown on his family farm, with his two brothers and two sisters; he talked often of raising lambs, the foods his mother made from their garden, and fruit and nut trees; and

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WHEREAS, He attended Amboy High School and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa; while serving in the Air Force in Cheyenne, Wyoming, he returned to Amboy to marry his sweetheart, Patricia O'Rourke, and they shared their lives for over 58 years; their first son, John was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

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WHEREAS, In 1955, they returned to Illinois and three more children, Kathryn, Cliff Jr., and Justin, were born; he and his wife lived in Oak Park and were active members of St. Giles Parish for over 50 years; he was very involved at St. Giles as Treasurer for the Boy Scouts during the years his sons were active, and he was a Family Grievance Counselor, and a member of the Mens Club; his group of Soup Kitchen cooks from St. Giles has been serving the St. Pius Parish Soup Kitchen for

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1 fifteen years; and

2 WHEREAS, He was on the Board of many organizations in the  
3 Oak Park Area; he had a long career at IBM Corporation and then  
4 sold homes for Gagliardo Realty for many years before retiring  
5 and traveling, visiting his children in Kansas City and  
6 California, and spending winters in Naples, Florida with great  
7 friends; and

8 WHEREAS, Cliff Becker loved his family and delighted in all  
9 times spent with his nine grandchildren, Elizabeth, Megan,  
10 Kalyn, Patrick, Tyler, Rayanna, Lucinda, Clara, and Ivan; his  
11 children's spouses, Margalee, Daniel, Kristine, and Julia were  
12 his favorites as well as his many nieces and nephews; most of  
13 all, Cliff loved his girl, Pat, and cared for her well; he was  
14 a holy and just man and we will miss him; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
17 his family and friends, the passing of Clifford Becker Sr.; and  
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of Clifford Becker Sr. as a symbol of  
21 our sincere sympathy.