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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. Neuneker of La Grange, who recently passed away; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Neuneker served in the Army Engineer Corps during World War II; he graduated from Western Illinois University and married Lorna Campbell from Stronghurst in 1950; they attended Ball State University, earning their master's degrees in education in 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Neuneker's work as a vocational teacher and counselor allowed him to emphasize the importance of choosing a career at a very early stage in life and led him to initiate Career Day, an annual event in which many business, industry, and community leaders from the Chicago area spoke to students at Lyons Township High School about career choices; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Neuneker's 50-year residency in La Grange was highlighted by community service; he was a member and took leadership roles in the Kiwanis Club, Park District, Little League, YMCA, and Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the Village of La Grange; he also served on the Lyons Township Mental Health Commission; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robert Neuneker was a member of the Hinsdale
2 Unitarian Church; he was also a recipient of the Humanitarian
3 Service Award from the local NAACP chapter; he worked
4 energetically on issues such as civil rights, fair housing, and
5 equal opportunity in employment for many years; his
6 recreational interests included gardening, tent camping in all
7 the lower 48 states, and foreign travel to 40 different
8 countries; he loved the Chicago Cubs, Bears, and Bulls and any
9 sport or activity in which his children or grandchildren were
10 involved; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert Neuneker is survived by his wife, Lorna;
12 his daughter, Rona N. James, and her spouse, Larry W. James,
13 M.D.; his sons, Devin and Brant Neuneker, along with Brant's
14 spouse, Alisa; his grandchildren, Myles, Rachel, Zach, and Emma
15 Neuneker; and his siblings, Rose Ritter, Ruth Smith, and Max
16 Neuneker; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
19 his family and friends, the passing of Robert J. Neuneker; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Robert J. Neuneker as a symbol of
23 our sincere sympathy.