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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 Paul Albert Lewis of Peoria, who passed away on September 17, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Lewis was born in Aurora; his parents were Phillip Albert and Josephine Ann Steiner Lewis; he married Edana Whittles Lahvic on July 11, 1981; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Lewis graduated from Grinnell College with a bachelor's degree in history; he entered the United States Marine Corps in 1971; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Lewis worked as an admissions counselor for Grinnell College on the East Coast until he entered the University of Chicago Law School, where he graduated in 1978; he went on to practice law at the Alschuler firm in Aurora before starting his own firm; after working for the Illinois Tollway for several years, he moved to Peoria in 2006 to work for Miller, Hall, and Triggs, where he later became a partner and served faithfully until his retirement in 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Lewis was active in local politics for many years, having served on the Chamber of Commerce, the VNA Board, the Family Counseling Board, and the Salvation Army Board; he

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1 gave blood regularly through the Heartland Blood Center; he was  
2 involved with the Boy Scouts of America, serving as leader of  
3 Troop 11 for many years; he played French horn with the  
4 American Legion Band; as a member of the Wesley United  
5 Methodist Church in Aurora, he served as a lay leader and Bible  
6 study teacher; in Peoria, he was a member of Northwest United  
7 Methodist Church, where he led several Bible studies as well;  
8 he served at the conference level in both areas; and

9 WHEREAS, Paul Lewis was preceded in death by his brother,  
10 Johnson Arthur Lewis; and

11 WHEREAS, Paul Lewis is survived by his wife, Edana; Edana's  
12 son, William Lahvic, and his wife, Jen Lahvic; his children,  
13 Beth (Lewis) Jackson (husband, Matt Jackson), JoAnna Lewis  
14 (husband, John Labelle), Walter Lewis, and Mary Kate Lewis; his  
15 grandchildren, David, Mark, Alyssa, Jackson, and David; his  
16 siblings, Brad Lewis (wife, Cathy Lewis), Linda Lewis (husband,  
17 Stephen Smith), Scott Lewis (wife, Camille Witos), and DeAnn  
18 Lewis (husband, Henry Coll); his nephew, Toby Smith; his  
19 parents; his uncles, Bill Steiner (wife, Ann Steiner) and Tom  
20 Lewis (wife, Jean Lewis); and his mother-in-law, Mary Fouts;  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 his family and friends, the passing of Paul Albert Lewis; and  
2 be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Paul Lewis as an expression of our  
5 sympathy.