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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 H. "Bob" Locke of Aurora, who passed away on December 4, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born December 31, 1930 in Appleton, Wisconsin, the son of the late Floyd and Mable (Wickesberg) Locke; he grew up and went to Appleton Senior High School and was a graduate of Gale Institute and Midwestern Broadcasting School in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, In 1952, he joined the United States Army and was in the Signal Corps during the Korean War; he started broadcasting news and sports in Escanaba, Michigan; he then moved back to Aurora and worked for WMRO and WKKD broadcasting high school sports; and

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WHEREAS, He was inducted into the Illinois Hall of Fame, News Media in 1995; he was also inducted into the East Aurora Sports Hall of Fame; he held a passion for broadcasting high school sports and fast pitch softball; he was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Badgers, and had a genuine love for all sports; he was elected Commissioner of Public Health and Safety for the city of Aurora and served from 1973 to 1977; and

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1 WHEREAS, He worked for many years at Home Savings and Loan
2 in downtown Aurora until his retirement; he also served as
3 president and trustee for 20 years at Fox Metro Water
4 Reclamation District; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Locke is survived by his loving wife of 57
6 years, Elsie Kissel; his children, Joseph (Hallie) Locke, James
7 (Jill) Locke, Lori Werner, and Lisa (Scott) Felker; his
8 grandchildren, Steven Locke, Adam (Jessica) Locke, Jimmy
9 Locke, Ben Locke, Robbie Locke, Kyle Werner, Hannah Werner,
10 Troy and Peter Medlin, and Caleb and Jacob Felker; as well as
11 many wonderful nieces and nephews; he was preceded in death by
12 his daughter, Judith Ann Locke; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of Robert Locke; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Robert Locke as a symbol of our
19 sincere sympathy.