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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 former Mayor of Urbana Hiram Paley of Urbana, who passed away on January 9, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Rochester, New York, on September 9, 1933, he was the son of the late Lesser and Zelda Paley; after attending Monroe High School in Rochester, he graduated summa cum laude from the University of Rochester with a bachelor's degree in mathematics (1955); he followed with M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1956 and 1959; and

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WHEREAS, He came to the University of Illinois in 1959 as an assistant professor of mathematics and was promoted to associate professor in 1966, a position he held until his retirement in 2003; from 1989 to 1991, he taught college math courses in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA); and

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WHEREAS, He served 2 terms as alderman on the Urbana City Council (1967-1973) and one term as mayor of Urbana (1973-1977); he was an active member of the local Democratic Party and was proud to serve as the chair of United States Senator Dick Durbin's Champaign County campaign in 1996, 2002,

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1 and 2008; he served terms on the boards of the Urban League of
2 Champaign County and the CCDC Foundation in the 1980s, and on
3 the board of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Champaign County
4 (known formerly as the Champaign County Memorial Society) from
5 1986-2002, with a term as president from 2000-2002; and

6 WHEREAS, He was a member of the American Civil Liberties
7 Union (ACLU) since 1960 and served multiple times as the
8 Champaign Chapter representative to the Illinois ACLU, as well
9 as on the ACLU's state board; in 2005, he received the Roger
10 Baldwin Award of the Illinois ACLU for a lifetime of service to
11 civil rights and civil liberties; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1981, following a course in darkroom
13 photography at Parkland College, he joined the Champaign County
14 Camera Club and was an active member, serving multiple terms as
15 president; in 2004-2006, he served as president of the Central
16 Illinois Camera Clubs Association; he was instrumental in
17 organizing an annual community Best in Show photo competition;
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19 WHEREAS, He was a dedicated Illinois athletics fan, and he
20 and his wife rarely missed a home men's basketball game; he
21 also enjoyed attending events with his wife at the Krannert
22 Center for the Performing Arts; and

1 WHEREAS, Hiram Paley is survived by his wife of 50 years,
2 Jean Passovoy Paley; his son, Joshua (Suzanne); his daughters,
3 Elizabeth (Stefan) and Nina; his grandchildren, Allison,
4 Karen, Trevor, and Elias; his sister, Marcia (Morton) Camac;
5 and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends; therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
9 his family and friends, the passing of Hiram Paley; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Hiram Paley as a symbol of our
13 sincere sympathy.