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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James E. Fletcher of Burr Ridge, who passed away October 24, 2011; and

WHEREAS, He was born in Chicago in 1921; and

WHEREAS, His education at Illinois Wesleyan University was interrupted by World War II and his service as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Air Force; he completed his education at Northwestern University, earning a bachelor's of science in commerce in 1948; and

WHEREAS, He was a CPA who rose through the ranks at Field Enterprises Educational Corp. over 2 decades; he served in various affiliated and predecessor companies until being named president and chief executive officer of the parent company, Field Enterprises Inc., serving from 1970 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, After retiring in 1975, he attended John Marshall School of Law, where he obtained a law degree; he subsequently practiced law part-time in both Illinois and Florida, spending his winter months in Marco Island, Florida; Mr. Fletcher served as the director of several organizations, including National Boulevard Bank of Chicago, the Northwestern Club of Chicago,

1 Community Family Service and Mental Health Center, The Howard  
2 V. Phalin Foundation for Graduate Study, and the Chicago Crime  
3 Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, He was a former trustee of the Ravinia Festival  
5 Association and the Prescott Institute in Prescott, Arizona; he  
6 also served as director and president of homeowners'  
7 associations in Burr Ridge and Marco Island; he received a  
8 Northwestern alumni merit award in 1976; and

9 WHEREAS, James Fletcher is survived by his wife of 66  
10 years, Margaret M., nee Kelley; his children and their  
11 families, Barbara Fletcher Oursler, James A., Michael W., Mark  
12 A., and Patricia Fletcher Berkovsky; his 12 grandchildren; and  
13 his 6 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

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

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of James Fletcher as a symbol of our  
20 sincere sympathy.