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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 Gregory Novak of Savoy, who passed away on March 7, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Chicago on September 4, 1950, the son of George and Sylvia (Stepnowski) Novak; he married Donna Oakes Gerbino on July 19, 1997 and became a father to her daughter, Elizabeth Lindsey; and

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WHEREAS, He worked as a librarian at Edison and Jefferson middle schools in Champaign for 31 years; he also served as the librarian for the Champaign Office of Education; during his tenure in Champaign, he was an active member of the Champaign Teachers Federation serving as a building steward, member of the collective bargaining unit, vice president and president; and

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WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, he was elected to the Champaign Board of Education; he worked tirelessly to improve the education of all children in Unit 4 schools; he was especially proud of the improvements made to the elementary schools and the construction of a new elementary school in Savoy; and

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1 WHEREAS, In addition to his family and to his educational
2 pursuits, he was a voracious reader and avid war gamer; he was
3 considered an authority on the Spanish American War and the
4 Civil War; he wrote books about historical events as well as
5 rules for miniature war games; and

6 WHEREAS, Gregory Novak is survived by his father of Savoy;
7 his wife, Donna; his daughter, Elizabeth; his grandchildren,
8 Margaret Jane, Sophia Ann, Robert Gregory, and Abigail
9 Elizabeth; his siblings, Cindie (Bob) Teeling, Cathie
10 Stevanovich, Jon (Vanessa) Novak, and Peg (Tony) Luetkehans;
11 and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews;
12 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 Gregory Novak; and be it
16 further

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