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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 Illinois State Representative Virgil Cornwell Wikoff of Champaign, who passed away on March 16, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, He was born February 6, 1927, in Decatur, the son of Virgil L. and Grace Cornwell Wikoff; he married Helen Moore on August 23, 1947, in Maroa; and

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WHEREAS, He grew up on a farm southwest of Maroa that has been in the Wikoff family since the 1860s; after graduation from Maroa Township High School in 1944, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the Pacific Theater; he then attended the University of Illinois and received his Bachelor of Science degree in architectural engineering in 1951, following which he was recalled to active duty in the United States Naval Reserve and served for 18 months during the Korean Conflict; and

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WHEREAS, When he returned to Champaign, he and a friend founded Lyman-Wikoff Inc., a general construction firm; he was a charter member of the Champaign-Urbana Chapter of the National Association of Home Builders; he was also a member of the Central Illinois Builders Association of the Contractors of

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1 America, with whom he held several offices; and

2 WHEREAS, He became active in the Champaign-Urbana Jaycees  
3 and served in many local and State offices; he was awarded a  
4 lifetime membership as a Senator in the Junior Chamber  
5 International in 1963; he was elected to the Champaign City  
6 Council in 1963 and served 4 years; he was then elected mayor  
7 of Champaign and served 8 years; during that time he was active  
8 in many associations, including the Illinois Municipal League,  
9 serving both on its board and as president; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1977, he was elected to the Illinois House of  
11 Representatives and served 3 terms; he was later appointed as a  
12 member of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission and for many  
13 years was a public member of the Illinois Medical Disciplinary  
14 Commission; he was also a member of the American Arbitration  
15 Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Wikoff was a member of the Masonic Lodge,  
17 Bloomington Consistory, Ansar Shrine, and for a time was a  
18 member and chairman of the board of managers of the Masonic  
19 Home in Sullivan; he was also an active member of First  
20 Presbyterian Church in Champaign; he served on several boards,  
21 including the Salvation Army and Developmental Service Center  
22 and was a member of the VFW, Kiwanis, and the Champaign County  
23 Farm Bureau; he was an honorary member of the University of

1 Illinois Varsity I Association, a past president of both  
2 Quarterback and Rebounders, and was also a long time supporter  
3 of University of Illinois sports and the University of Illinois  
4 Foundation; and

5 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and an  
6 infant daughter; and

7 WHEREAS, Virgil Wikoff is survived by his wife, Helen; his  
8 daughters, Terri (Robert) Bolduc and Patti (Greg) Bolton; his  
9 grandchildren, Jon (Jennie) Bolduc, Holly (Cavan) Dunn, Josh  
10 Bolduc, Kendra (Jon) Bristow, and Kristi (Todd) Carlson; and  
11 his great-grandchildren, Sophia Dunn, Casey Bolduc, Lyndley  
12 Carlson, and Atley Carlson; 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 former Illinois State  
16 Representative Virgil Wikoff; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of former Illinois State Representative  
19 Virgil Wikoff as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.