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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 A. Wetzel of Edwardsville, who passed away on January 21, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel was born on August 26, 1937, in Highland to Arthur L. and Violet V. (Scheibe) Wetzel; he married Carol Kemmerer on August 20, 1960, at Grace Methodist Church in Waterloo, Iowa; he graduated from Edwardsville High School in 1955, Monmouth College in 1959, and the University of Wisconsin School of Banking in 1972; he was a staff sergeant in the Illinois National Guard; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel worked at TheBANK of Edwardsville and moved his way up throughout the years; he started in 1960 as a assistant cashier; he became vice-president and cashier in 1973, senior vice-president and cashier in 1976, and president in 1981, serving in that position for 22 years before retiring in August of 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel always took an active role in the betterment of his community; he served on the board of the ABA Federal Bankpac; he was active with Backstoppers-The Policeman and Fireman Fund of Saint Louis, the Civic Entrepreneurs Organization, the Deaconess Foundation board of directors, the

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1 Edwardsville Central Business District Development and
2 Improvement Committee, and the Edwardsville Community School
3 District #7, treasurer; he served as past president of
4 Edwardsville Jaycees, past president of Edwardsville/Glen
5 Carbon United way, director of the Illinois Department of
6 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and on the Madison County
7 Bankers Federation Executive Committee, the Saint Louis Sports
8 Commission, the State Treasurer's Banking Advisory Committee,
9 and on the Board Trails West Council of the Boy Scouts of
10 America; and

11 WHEREAS, He was currently serving on the board of directors
12 of the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois where he was
13 the past president, the board of directors of Lewis & Clark
14 Community College, and as chairman of the Advisory Committee of
15 Madison County Metrolink Feasibility Study; he was a member of
16 the board of directors of Madison Mutual Insurance Company, the
17 Regional Commerce & Growth Association, The Edwardsville
18 Rotary Club, SIU-E Foundation, SIU-E School of Business
19 Advisory Board, The Alliance of Edwardsville & Glen Carbon
20 Executive Council, TheBANK of Edwardsville board of directors,
21 and the University Park SIU-E board of directors; and

22 WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel has received numerous awards
23 throughout the years including, the 100 Black Men of Alton
24 Award for Outstanding Contributions and Support of Education,

1 the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Albert D.
2 Cassens Award for Outstanding Achievement, the Anderson
3 Hospital 7th Annual Founders Award, the Distinguished Eagle
4 Scout Award, Edwardsville Rotary's International Service Above
5 Self Award, the Leadership Council's 16th Annual Salute to
6 Southwestern IL Award for Outstanding Leadership, the Monmouth
7 College Distinguished Alumnus Award, the SIU-E Distinguished
8 Service Award, the SIU-E Kimmel Award for Outstanding Community
9 Service, and the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Lifetime Achievement
10 award; he was a member of Eden United Church of Christ in
11 Edwardsville; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel was preceded in death by his parents
13 and his brother, Ronald Wetzel; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel is survived by his wife, Carol; his
15 daughter, Andrea (Russell) Wetzel-Darbon; his son Scott
16 (Kristi) Wetzel; his grandchildren, Brawley (Lee) Darbon,
17 Madison Olivia Darbon, Corbin Reid Wetzel, and Reagan Kate
18 Wetzel; his brothers, Tom (Alice) Wetzel, Carl (Donna) Wetzel,
19 and David (Jessica) Wetzel; and many nieces, nephews, and dear
20 friends; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
23 Robert Wetzel, and we extend our sincere condolences to his

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Robert Wetzel as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.