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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 O. "Bob" Covey of Crystal Lake, who passed away on March 5, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Covey was born on January 21, 1921, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin; his parents were David L. and Bessie Viola Covey; he married Mary Elizabeth Karlen on June 3, 1943, in Madison, Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Covey earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and his Juris Doctor from Northwestern University; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Covey was a proud member of the United States Navy; he served in the Pacific aboard the USS President Adams during World War II and attained the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Covey was a partner in the law firm Covey, McKinney, and Powers and a partner in the law firm of Covey and Covey; he was also president and chairman of the Board of First Federal Savings and Loan of Crystal Lake, vice president of First Federal of Chicago, and vice president of Citibank; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robert Covey served as president of the Crystal
2 Lake Chamber of Commerce in 1951 and was a chamber member for
3 63 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Covey was a member of the Ambassador's Club
5 and the Business of the Year Award was established in his name
6 in 2003; he received the Citizen of the Year Award in 1993, the
7 Carl E. Wehde Award in 2009, and the Melvin Jones Fellow Award,
8 Distinguished Service Award, and Member of the Year Award 2003
9 and 2004 from the Crystal Lake Lions Club; he was the recipient
10 of the Distinguished Service Award from the Crystal Lake
11 Jaycees and the 50-year Member Award from the Shriners; he was
12 also honored as the grand marshal of Gala Fourth of July Parade
13 in 2009; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Covey was the founding director and
15 president of the Crystal Lake United Way and the director and
16 president of the McHenry County United Way; he was the founding
17 director and president of Crime Stoppers in 1983; he was a
18 member of the McHenry County Board from 1985 to 1994 and served
19 as vice chairman of the board and chairman of a building
20 project; he served as co-chairman and president of the Crystal
21 Lake All American City Campaign; he was a 63-year member of the
22 Crystal Lake Lions Club and served as the club's president from
23 1964 to 1965; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert Covey served as the school board president
2 of School District 47 from 1951 to 1961; he was the Northern
3 Division Committee chairman of Junior Achievement of Chicago
4 from 1980 to 1981; he was a member of the McHenry County Bar
5 Association, the Crystal Lake Jaycees, Nunda Masonic Lodge, the
6 Masons, and Napkin Ring; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Covey was a member of First Congregational
8 Church of Crystal Lake, where he served as chairman of the
9 Board of Directors, chairman of the Governing Board, and Sunday
10 school teacher; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert Covey was preceded in death by his beloved
12 wife of 61 years, Mary Elizabeth Covey; his parents, David L.
13 and Bessie V. Covey; and his brother, Paul Covey; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Covey is survived by his children, Karlen
15 R. (Susie) Covey, Kathleen M. (John) Euler, Carol A. (Miles)
16 Beard, and Christopher G. Covey; his grandchildren, Kelly
17 (Eric) Breihan, Heather (Sam) Sorensen, Donald J. Donner, Regan
18 (Jeremy) Bruski, John P. (Jennifer) Euler, Michael (Michele)
19 Euler, Celeste Sollenberger, Dwight J. (Lauren) Beard, and
20 Clayton Beard; and his 21 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 his family and friends, the passing of Robert O. "Bob" Covey;
2 and be it further

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