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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 E. Manning, Jr. of Peoria, who passed away on July 22, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Manning, Jr. was born on November 16, 1931, in Peoria; his parents were Robert E. and Catherine Irene (Gorman) Manning; he married Lois M. Wilson in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada on April 25, 1953; after the passing of his first wife, he married Rosemary Donnelly Crowley on March 24, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Manning, Jr. graduated from the Spalding Institute in 1949, where he captained the football, basketball, and baseball teams during his senior year and was selected as an all-city quarterback in 1948; he attended the University of Notre Dame and graduated from Bradley University in 1953, lettering in varsity baseball at both schools; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Manning, Jr. continued his baseball career beyond high school and college; he played collegiate summer leagues in Madison, Wisconsin, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, and Oshawa, Ontario, Canada; he played professional baseball from 1953 to 1954 for the Cleveland Indians and the New York Giants organizations in Peoria (Peoria Chiefs), Tampa, Florida, and Olean, New York; and

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1 WHEREAS, Robert Manning, Jr. graduated from the University
2 of Notre Dame Law School in 1960 and practiced law in Peoria
3 from 1960 to 1977; he served as assistant State's Attorney in
4 Peoria County from 1960 to 1967 before being appointed State's
5 Attorney from 1967 to 1968; he was selected as an associate
6 circuit judge in the 10th Circuit and a circuit judge in 1980;
7 he retired in 1997; and

8 WHEREAS, Robert Manning, Jr. was a member of many civic and
9 professional associations, including the Peoria County Bar
10 Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the American
11 Judicature Society, the Illinois Judges Association, the
12 Spalding and Peoria Notre Dame High School Booster Clubs, the
13 University of Notre Dame National Monogram Club, the Notre Dame
14 Club of Peoria, the Bradley University Letterman and Chiefs
15 Club, the Landmark Racquet and Health Club, the Knights of
16 Columbus-Spalding Council, and the Benevolent and Protective
17 Order of Elks Lodge #20; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert Manning, Jr. was a member of St. Bernard
19 Catholic Church, where he served on the finance committee; and

20 WHEREAS, Robert Manning, Jr. was preceded in death by his
21 first wife, Lois; his brother, Paul; and his sister, Sharon
22 O'Shaughnessy; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert Manning, Jr. is survived by his wife,
2 Rosemary; his children, Michael Manning, Lauren (Tom) Donlan,
3 Linda Manning, Angela (Dan) Aeschliman, Robert (Kristen)
4 Manning, James Manning, and Paul (Katie) Manning; his 18
5 grandchildren; his 8 great-grandchildren; his numerous
6 cousins, nieces, and nephews; his step-children, Karen (Bob)
7 Metzinger, Debi (John) Redington, James (Gail) Crowley,
8 William III (Laura) Crowley, and John (Chris) Crowley; his 13
9 step-grandchildren; and his 2 great-stepgrandchildren;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Robert E. Manning,
14 Jr.; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Robert Manning, Jr. as an expression
17 of our sympathy.