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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 John "Jack" L. Hoff of Waukegan, who passed away on August 1, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Jack was born on September 8, 1926; he attended Immaculate Conception Grade School, and, in 1944, he joined the United States Air Force, serving as a crew chief on B-29s; he married Eda Ramacci in 1945; for a short time, he played semi-pro football for the Waukegan Merchants; and

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WHEREAS, Jack joined his father, Clarence, on the Waukegan police force in 1949 and stayed there until 1976; he started as a patrolman, walking a beat and driving a motorcycle; he served as the night shift commander of the detective bureau, became a life-time master pistol marksman with the National Rifle Association, and served as the department training officer; he and his brother, Larry, achieved a first in Waukegan police history when they were promoted to captain together, finishing the examination in first and second place; in 1969, the Exchange Club of Waukegan named Captain Hoff the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of Lake County; his oldest son, Ralph, joined his father with the Waukegan police department in 1973; in 1976, he retired from the police department to become the security chief of Lakehurst Mall; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jack served the city of Waukegan as a 7th ward
2 alderman; he founded the Captain's Security Corporation in
3 1980, and the company is still in business in Waukegan; his
4 hobbies included baseball, boating, and driving his 1963 Falcon
5 convertible, restored by his son, Steve; he also enjoyed trap
6 shooting, however, his passion was golf; he was a member of
7 Glen Flora Country Club, and, on July 3, 1999, he accomplished
8 one of golf's rare feats by shooting his age of 72; he also had
9 5 hole in ones through the years; he was a member of St. Dismas
10 Church, CCKC, Northbrook, a former President of the Waukegan
11 Police Association, and a member of the Waukegan Police Pension
12 Board; and

13 WHEREAS, Jack was preceded in death by his parents, and his
14 brother, Lawrence; and

15 WHEREAS, Jack was the beloved husband of Eda; the loving
16 father of Ralph Hoff, Steve Hoff, and Susan (Robert) Horrom;
17 the dear grandfather of Kris, Kelli, Natalie, and Stephanie; 7
18 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 John "Jack" L. Hoff, and 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 John "Jack" L. Hoff as an expression
5 of our deepest sympathy.