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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 Roger W. Ladd, who passed away on July 27, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Ladd was born in Tracy, Minnesota on December 6, 1924 to Raymond and Florence (nee DeMarc) Ladd; he was a veteran of World War II, serving from 1942 to 1946 in the Atlantic and the Pacific theaters as a member of the United States Coast Guard; during his service he was assigned to work with a special British unit in Bermuda to break the code of the "German Wolf Pack" U-boats; and

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WHEREAS, Roger Ladd was a resident of McHenry County from 1946 to 1972; his company, Ladd Enterprises merged with the Frank Robino Company of Wilmington, Delaware and went public in 1969; as CEO/COB of the Robino-Ladd Company, over 5,000 residential units were completed under his leadership; he was very active in the home building industry, serving as Secretary/Treasurer and Vice-President of the Home Builders Association of Chicago-Land; he eventually became Director of the Home Builders of Chicago-Land; in 1996, he was elected President of the Home Builders Association of Illinois, and, in 1968, he was elected Vice-President of the National Home Builders Association; in 1969 and 1970, he served as a member

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1 of Governor Ogilvie's Illinois Advisory Council; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1971, Roger Ladd sold his interest in the
3 Robino-Ladd Company and retired to Rivera Beach, Florida, where
4 he and his wife, Anne, owned 2 successful marinas; they
5 traveled often to Italy and the Bahamas; they sold the marinas
6 in 1979 and moved to Grand Junction, Colorado to build homes
7 with their son, Roger R. Ladd; they built 2 very successful
8 communities, The Commons and the Vineyards on the Western
9 Slopes; he and his wife moved to Austin, Texas in 1984 where he
10 formed the Roger Ladd Company with Pat Sewell and son-in-law,
11 Paul Radke; he transitioned to the furniture business with Pat
12 Sewell and sold furniture for the next 26 years; in 2011, Roger
13 and Anne retired to Provident Crossings, a Senior Resort
14 Community; there he enhanced the lives of many residents and
15 employees with homemade cookies, cakes, and his famous Italian
16 Bread; he enjoyed fishing, bridge, and playing golf with his
17 buddies, Charles, Jesse, Ben, David, and others at Star Ranch;
18 he especially looked forward to Spades night with Chuck,
19 Jacque, C.J., Kay, Al, and Kathy; and

20 WHEREAS, Roger Ladd was preceded in death by his parents;
21 his sister, Yvonne Thillman; and the mother of his 6 children,
22 Yvonne "Bonnie" Ladd; and

23 WHEREAS, Roger Ladd is survived by his brothers, David Ladd

1 (Mini) and Jeffrey Ladd (Kathy); brother-in-law, Ambrose
2 Thillman; his loving wife of 45 years, Anne Ladd; his sons,
3 Stephen (Betty Jane) and Roger R. Ladd (Cheryl); his daughters,
4 Mary Ladd, Debra Radke (Jim Rotti), and Peggy Ladd-Howard
5 (Thadeus); his son, Kevin J. Ladd (Mary); his step-daughter,
6 Deborah Sewell (Pat); 10 grandchildren; 15
7 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Roger W. Ladd, and extend our sincere condolences to his
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Roger Ladd as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.