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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 Jacob D. "Jake" Dumelle, Lt. Cmdr. (Ret.) United States Navy, of Oak Park, who passed away on June 14, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Jake Dumelle was born in Chicago on April 12, 1925 to Frank and Virginia Dumelle; he graduated from Lane Tech College Preparatory High School and earned his bachelor's degree and Master of Science in Public Engineering Administration at the Illinois Institute of Technology; and

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WHEREAS, Jake Dumelle was one of the original appointees to the Illinois Pollution Control Board in 1970; he served nearly 21 years, through December 1991, taking the role of chairman from August of 1973 until November of 1988; prior to this, he held village/city manager positions in Brookfield, Peoria, and Lebanon, New Hampshire; on the federal level, he served as Chief of Staff for United States Sen. Norris Cotton (New Hampshire) in 1960, then as a Deputy Assistant Administrator in the United States Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. from 1962 to 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Jake Dumelle's dedication to environmental standards and quality of life was an ongoing force in his

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1 career; he worked as Research Director for the Chicago  
2 Department of Air Pollution Control from 1961 to 1962,  
3 Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations of the Metropolitan  
4 Sanitary District of Greater Chicago in 1962 and from 1966 to  
5 1968; he also directed an air pollution-land use study at the  
6 Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission from 1964 to 1966 and  
7 served as Director of the Lake Michigan Basin Office of the  
8 United States Federal Water Quality Administration from 1968 to  
9 1970; and

10 WHEREAS, Jake Dumelle appeared as an extra in many major  
11 movies, including Home Alone (1990) and The Fugitive (1993); in  
12 The Lake House (2006), filmed partly in Riverside, he spoke his  
13 first lines when he was cast as a concerned patient examined by  
14 a doctor played by Sandra Bullock; he attended the premiere in  
15 Los Angeles in 2006, which included attending the screening and  
16 walking down the red carpet; at the after-party, co-stars  
17 Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves offered the highest compliment  
18 on his performance: "You got laughs!"; and

19 WHEREAS, Jake Dumelle was preceded in death by his  
20 brothers, Frank and Edward (the late Anne) Dumelle; and

21 WHEREAS, Jake Dumelle is survived by his wife, Dorothy J.  
22 (nee Konieczny); his children, Grace Dumelle (Walter  
23 Podrazik), Margo, Lili, and Christopher (Colleen) Dumelle; and

1 he was the papa of Cassandra and Audrey Dumelle; therefore, be  
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3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 Jacob D. "Jake" Dumelle, Lt. Cmdr. (Ret.) United States Navy,  
6 and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and  
7 all who knew and loved him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Jake Dumelle as an expression of our  
10 deepest sympathy.