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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Wilfred F. Balmes of North Chicago, who
4 passed away on March 13, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Wilfred Balmes served his country as a member of
6 the United States Army during World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, Wilfred Balmes was a resident of North Chicago
8 beginning in 1951, founding Balmes Flower Shops and
9 Greenhouses, which continued through 5 generations of family
10 operation; following his retirement, he retired to the hills of
11 Arkansas, where he spent his time enjoying the wildlife and his
12 many friends; he spent the last 3 years at Barton Senior
13 Residences in Zion; and

14 WHEREAS, Wilfred Balmes was a 4th degree member of the
15 Knights of Columbus Waukegan Lodge #731; and

16 WHEREAS, Wilfred Balmes was preceded in death by John,
17 Francis, Fredrick, Richard and Agnes Walenter; and

18 WHEREAS, Wilfred Balmes was the beloved husband of the late
19 Virginia (nee Wirtz); the loving father of Kathleen Scott, the
20 late Michael (Pam), Jeanne Balmes, Julianne (Gary) Gehrig,

1 Peter (Robin), and Wilfred, Jr. (Aleta); the grandfather of
2 Elizabeth (Richard) Hubbard, Jacob (Michele) Balmes, Kathryn
3 Balmes, Anne (Brad) Johnson, Peter (Katie) Gehrig, Drew
4 (Lauren) Gehrig, Sara (Marc) Jackson, Keli (Christopher)
5 Krygowski, and P. Joseph (Connie) Balmes; the
6 great-grandfather of Gwen and Wyatt Balmes, Aidan, Sydney,
7 Christian, and Logan Jackson, Olivia Gehrig, Caleb, Abram, and
8 Noah Krygowski, and Peter Joseph Balmes, III; and the brother
9 of James, Mark, Theresa Crowley, and Mary Ann (Bob) Grum;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Wilfred F. Balmes; and
14 be it further

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