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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 Karl Nagel of Lake Forest, who passed away on January 13, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Karl Nagel was born in Ingolstadt, Germany to Maria Barbara Kogel and Georg Friedrich Nagel on February 28, 1912; as a young boy in Bavaria, he enjoyed swimming in the Danube River and hiking into the nearby forests with friends; he enjoyed playing his mandolin, watching cowboy movies on Saturdays, and dreaming of going to America; after graduating from Lutherschule at the age of 14, he studied horticulture and served a 3-year apprenticeship in a large conservatory in Berlin; at the age of 19, he joined his brother, Max, in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, After his arrival in Chicago, Karl Nagel answered an ad in a German newspaper for a manager of a commercial greenhouse in Lake Forest; he got the job and also met his first wife, Cecilia Studeny, working as a cook next door; they worked as a couple for 3 years in homes in Lake Forest and Highland Park; and

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WHEREAS, Karl Nagel was encouraged to try carpentry; his first job was at Ft. Sheridan, where German prisoners of war

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1 were already arriving for detention; a year later, he was
2 building his first home in Deerfield for his wife and 2
3 children; and

4 WHEREAS, Karl Nagel eventually purchased land in West Lake
5 Forest, where he built his millwork shop and a small home for
6 his family; Lake Forest Millwork was soon known for its fine
7 craftsmanship and fair dealings; he crafted the front doors and
8 an altar for St. Patrick's Catholic Church; he eventually
9 joined his son, Karl F. Nagel in the construction business and
10 "Nagel and Nagel" built many homes and developments in Lake
11 Forest, Lake Bluff, Waukegan, and Gurnee; and

12 WHEREAS, After the passing of his first wife, Karl Nagel
13 retired and spent time in his beloved gardens and on fishing
14 trips with family and friends; at the age of 91, he married
15 Joanne Gustafson, a neighbor and friend of many years and they
16 were together in their own home until his 100th birthday; and

17 WHEREAS, Karl Nagel was the husband of Josephine and the
18 late Cecilia; the father of Ruth (the late Col. Arthur) Laehr
19 and Karl F. (Barbara) Nagel; the beloved grandfather of Laura
20 (Mark) Ashburn, Linda (Mike) Antonio, Lisa (Jim) Branton,
21 Matthew (Janet) Nagel, Blair (Becky) Nagel, and Joy (Mark)
22 McGreevy; the adored great-grandchildren are Jennifer
23 (Brandon) Sales, Emily and Dan Ashburn, Andrew (Kristyn)

1 Antonio, Sara Antonio and Anna (Johnny) Hower, Melissa and A.J.
2 Branton, Greta, Mercedes and Vicente Nagel, Karl and Jenna
3 Nagel, and Austin and Bridget McGreevy; and his
4 great-great-granddaughters are Tirzah Ashburn and Graelyn
5 Antonio; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Karl Nagel, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
9 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Karl Nagel as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.