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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 Walsh D'Arcy III, who passed away on August 23, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III was born on August 8, 1926 in Joliet; his parents were Verna and John D'Arcy; and

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WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III attended St. Raymond's in Joliet and St. Thomas Military Academy in St. Paul before serving in the United States Navy as a bombardier during World War II; after his honorable discharge, he attended the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul; and

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WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III was an active member of St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Plainfield, where he served on various boards supporting the growth of the church and school; his voice was familiar to daily communicants as he regularly lectured and sang at the morning Masses; he was actively involved in and a member of the boards of the Joliet Franciscan Sisters and Catholic Charities; and

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WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III began his career in banking with the Pullman Bank in Chicago, where he was instrumental in initiating the Illinois Bank Charge before it was merged into

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1 the VISA brand; his integrity, drive, and experience caught the
2 interest of several Joliet businessmen, who recruited him to
3 lead the founding of Heritage Bank and Trust in 1971; he made
4 various investments, including in the founding of
5 International Games, distributor of the popular card game UNO,
6 which enabled him to later realize his true lifelong ambitions
7 of driving tractors and farming; after retirement, he purchased
8 various farms and operated them with his sons; he also founded
9 JJD Enterprises and Caton Farms; and

10 WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III and his wife actively served the
11 communities of Plainfield and Joliet; he was President of the
12 Joliet Rotary Club, a Plainfield Village Trustee, a member of
13 the Plainfield Library Board, a trustee of the University of
14 St. Francis in Joliet, and a longtime benefactor of Lewis
15 University in Romeoville; and

16 WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III was preceded in death by his
17 parents; and

18 WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III is survived by his wife of 67
19 years, Margaret Jeanette; his children, Margaret (Jim) Lacey,
20 John (Diane), Kevin (Vicky), Terry (Sue), Patrick (Kathy),
21 Candace (Tom) Nielsen, Michael (Beverly), and Tom (Sue); his
22 grandchildren, Kristen Corcoran, Scott, Mike, and John Lacey,
23 Jennifer Ness, John and Ryan D'Arcy, Jim, Brooke, and Andrew

1 D'Arcy, Chris, Nick, Harry, and Jack D'Arcy, Beau D'Arcy,
2 Bridget Platt, Brendan and Christian Nielsen, Stephanie
3 Greene, Lauren Crawford, Jeff and Lucas D'Arcy, and Sean, Lily,
4 and Aiden D'Arcy; 16 great-grandchildren; his brother, Edward
5 (Barbara) D'Arcy; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be
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7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
9 family and friends, mourn the passing of John Walsh D'Arcy III;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of John D'Arcy III as an expression of
13 our sympathy.