

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to pay
3 their respects to the family and friends of John Knell
4 Solfisburg of Aurora, Illinois, who recently passed away; and

5 WHEREAS, John Solfisburg was born in Aurora, Illinois on
6 March 22, 1918; his parents were Louise Katherine Knell and
7 Christian H. Solfisburg II; and

8 WHEREAS, John Solfisburg worked his entire life at
9 Builder's Supply Company, a fourth generation family
10 business; he was a 1936 graduate of West Aurora High School
11 and Taft Preparatory School; he received his Bachelor of
12 Science degree in mechanical engineering from Brown
13 University in 1941; he received his Master of Science degree
14 in aeronautical engineering from the Daniel Guggenheim School
15 of Aeronautics at New York University, where he also served
16 as an instructor while in the United States Navy; and

17 WHEREAS, John Solfisburg was veteran of World War II; he
18 attained the rank of Lieutenant JG and served on Guadalcanal;
19 he was a member of the New England Congregational Church, the
20 Aurora Country Club, the Elks Club, the Italian American
21 Club, and Moose Lodge #400, in addition to aiding the Greater
22 Aurora Chamber of Commerce in community activities; and

23 WHEREAS, John Solfisburg was a gifted musician and
24 pianist; he enjoyed playing, writing, and recording music; he
25 loved art, and received a national literary award for poetry;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, The passing of John Solfisburg is deeply felt by
28 all who knew and loved him, especially his son, John Knell
29 (wife, Penny) Solfisburg, Jr.; his daughter, Betsy (husband,
30 Timothy) Quinn; his grandchildren, Jonathan (wife, Victoria)
31 Solfisburg, Jeffrey (wife, Beth) Solfisburg, Ryan Kelley

1 Quinn, Kellyanne Solfisburg Quinn, and Katey Knell Quinn; his
2 great grandson, Connor Solfisburg; his sister-in-law, Dorothy
3 Kelly; and his close friend and companion, Mary Ann Dykstra;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
7 of John Solfisburg and extend our sympathy to his family and
8 friends; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of John Knell Solfisburg.