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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Donald M. Foreman, who passed away on November 19, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Donald M. Foreman was born on August 24, 1922 in Casey, Illinois to Max and Myrtle Foreman; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Foreman served in the Civilian Conservation Corps prior to enlisting in the United States Marine Corps; as a Veteran of World War II, he served with the 1st Marine Division in the South Pacific, was wounded during combat at Guadalcanal and awarded the Purple Heart; while recovering at Hines Veterans Hospital in Chicago, he met Patricia Morrison, whom he married on October 25, 1947 in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Foreman's love for big band music led him into a public relations position with Decca Records and later with Capitol Records; he went on to host his own radio show with WTAQ in LaGrange, where he met and worked with such notable celebrities as Jerry Lewis, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Nat King Cole; in addition, he enjoyed a long friendship with bandleader Stan Kenton, traveling with his orchestra as public relations manager; and

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WHEREAS, After moving his family to Wildwood in 1957, Mr. Foreman was employed with Downey VA Hospital and the Illinois Tollway Commission; he also worked as a deputy for the Lake County Sheriff's Department and later served as Chief Deputy under Coroner Oscar Lind; he retired from the State of Illinois as an agent with the Liquor Control Commission; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Foreman was a member of Wildwood Youth Unlimited and the Lake County Federation of Police; in addition, he served as a Warren Township Republican Precinct Committeeman and also as a Township Trustee for 18 years; and

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1 WHEREAS, The passing of Donald M. Foreman will be deeply
2 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,
3 Patricia; his sons, Fred (Stephanie) Foreman and Jeff (Dawn)
4 Foreman; his daughter, Cathy (Bill) Melville; and his
5 grandchildren, Melissa, Christopher, Melanie, BJ, Rebecca,
6 and Jonathon; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
9 all who knew him, the death of Donald M. Foreman of Wildwood,
10 Illinois; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Donald M. Foreman with our sincere
13 condolences.