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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Ronald L. Graffouliere of Galesburg on November 27, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, He was born September 22, 1911 in Galesburg, to Louis F. and Nellie Mabel Bryant Graffouliere; he married Elizabeth (Betty) A. Huckstep in Raytown, Missouri on December 14, 1946; she preceded him in death on April 28, 1985; and

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WHEREAS, He was a 1929 graduate of Galesburg High School and a 1933 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan College; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Graffouliere served four years during World War II in the Air Force and Chemical Warfare Branch in the United States and Asiatic Theatres with the rank of captain; and

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WHEREAS, He worked 36 years in the wholesale and retail shoe business in the offices of Florsheim Shoe Company in Chicago, and he later worked 3 years as a Sales Representative for the Brown Shoe Company in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; he worked for 3 years as administrator of the War Veterans Division for the University of Illinois Galesburg Branch; he was a partner for 23 years with Harold "Dutch" Rogers for Rogers Shoes in downtown Galesburg, retiring in 1975; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Galesburg where he served as an elder, a trustee, and deacon; he was a member of the Masonic Lodges, including Vesper Masonic Lodge 584 AF & AM of Galesburg, Scottish Rite Consistory of Moline, and Mohammed Shrine of Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Ronald L. Graffouliere will be deeply felt by many, especially his son, Stephen L.

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1 Graffouliere; and two grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and a
3 brother; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
6 Ronald L. Graffouliere along with all who knew and loved him
7 and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Ronald L. Graffouliere as an
11 expression of our deepest sympathy.