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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of LeRoy H. "Bud" Ellis of Gurnee, formerly of Lindenhurst, on Monday, August 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis was born on August 2, 1916, to Florence and Harry Ellis in Madison, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, He was appointed Fire Chief of the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in 1953 and served until 1975; as Fire Chief, he oversaw operations and staff of the Bases' three fire stations and also coordinated instruction and training at the Great Lakes Fire Training School; he was a noted authority on fire prevention, fire safety, and fire inspection; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Mr. Ellis accepted a position as Superintendent of Logistics for the Wells Corporation on the Trans Atlantic Pipeline in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska; after returning from his work in Alaska in 1976, he was appointed Director of Fire and Security at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1980; over the course of his career at Great Lakes, he received several Meritorious Civilian Service Awards; at his final retirement ceremony in 1980, Mr. Ellis was recognized for his "Unyielding Calm and Unmistakable Humor"; and

WHEREAS, In his retirement, he stayed active serving on The Lake County Sheriff's Merit Commission and as a Board Member of the Lake Villa Fire Protection District; he was a true gentleman who always had a warm smile and a great handshake for everyone; and

WHEREAS, LeRoy H. "Bud" Ellis will be deeply missed by many; he was preceded in death by the love of his life, his

1 wife of 58 years, Margaret "Peg", on September 23, 1997;
2 together they raised five children, Michael, Robert, Richard,
3 Suzanne Grinde and her husband, Gary, and Lynne Lubeck and her
4 husband, Larry; he was the loving and much loved and respected
5 grandfather of Aimee and Kelly Ellis, Jay (Dana), Bryan
6 (Heidi), Bradley (Mindy), and Alissa Grinde, Arick (Melissa)
7 and Erin Ellis, and Brent and Christopher Lubeck; Mr. Ellis is
8 also survived by eight great-grandchildren and by his loving
9 "Sunrise Family"; in addition to his wife, Margaret, he was
10 preceded in death by his brothers, Audy and Leonard, and his
11 granddaughter, Nikki; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 LeRoy H. "Bud" Ellis, and we extend our sincere condolences to
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
19 sympathy.