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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Francis "Frank" R. Bridge of Downers Grove on Sunday, January 8, 2006; and

WHEREAS, He was born in Malden, Massachusetts, and was raised in the nearby town of Medford; he attended a business school in Boston and then joined the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II; he served for about three years as a member of the 598th Bombardment Squadron and the 397th Bombardment Group, flying numerous missions over France; and

WHEREAS, He married Mary Theresa, his wife of 57 years, in 1947; the couple lived in Massachusetts for a few years before making their home in Chicago; they later moved to Brookfield and then Downers Grove in 1967; she preceded him in death a year ago; and

WHEREAS, For many years, he worked as a manager in the corrugated shipping containers industry; he retired in 1987 from Western Kraft Corp. in Montgomery, a division of Willamette Industries, after 20 years of service; and

WHEREAS, He had been an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Downers Grove since 1967, where he was known for his volunteer work; from 1982 to 1990, he served as the president of the St. Vincent DePaul Society of the Joliet Diocese; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Francis "Frank" R. Bridge has been deeply felt by many, especially his son, Ross; his daughters, Julie, Mary Ann LaJeone, Jane Paschall, and Patricia Szczurek; his brother, Ronald; his sister, Ann Surette; his 11 grandchildren; and his three great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Francis "Frank" R. Bridge, and we extend our sincere
4 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
5 him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
8 sympathy.