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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Perry L. Fuller of Winnetka, who passed away on May 10, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller served in the Marines during World War II; he was a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School; he began his professional career as a financial director of the Chicago Crime Commission before joining Hinshaw & Culbertson, a prominent Chicago law firm where he was mentored by founding partner Joseph Hinshaw and where he became a partner in 1969; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller argued cases before the United States Supreme Court and the Illinois Supreme Court, litigating everything from personal injury lawsuits to anti-trust cases; he handled several high-profile cases, including litigation that followed the 1981 collapse of a hotel skyway in Kansas City that left 113 dead and nearly 200 injured, and an infamous Oklahoma case involving an oil lease scheme that included well-known victims, including Barbra Streisand and comedian Jack Benny; he also defended the manager of the band Credence Clearwater Revival in the mysterious disappearance of millions of dollars owed to the rock group; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller served as special counsel to various
2 government agencies that included the Cook County Civil Service
3 Commission, the Illinois Department of Mental Health, and the
4 Illinois Law Enforcement Commission; he handled cases for the
5 City of Chicago, Chicago Police Department, and Chicago Fire
6 Fighters Union, as well as the Chicago Cubs and Chicago White
7 Sox; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller held dozens of executive positions with
9 the American, Illinois, and Chicago Bar Associations and the
10 American College of Trial Lawyers; he served as president of
11 the Law Club of Chicago, the Society of Trial Lawyers, and the
12 Illinois Humane Society; he co-chaired the NAACP Legal Defense
13 Fund's Chicago Steering Committee; and served as a trustee on
14 the Federal Defender Program; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Fuller turned down an offer to serve as
16 counsel to the U.S. Congressional Impeachment Committee during
17 President Richard Nixon's impeachment hearings; he was active
18 in Winnetka, serving two terms on the Village Board, leading
19 the Caucus Committee, and sitting on the Winnetka Community
20 Chest Board; his wife, Alice, passed away in October of 2005;
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22 WHEREAS, The passing of Perry L. Fuller will be deeply felt
23 by all those who knew him, especially his daughter, Leslie

1 Fuller; their mutual longtime companion, Penny Fuller; his
2 cousins, Donald Howorth and Susan Howorth Zbrozek; and his many
3 nieces, nephews, friends, and colleagues; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 his family, friends, and colleagues, the passing of Perry L.
7 Fuller; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Perry L. Fuller as a symbol of our
10 sympathy.