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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 Harry Voigt of Oak Park, who passed away on July 1, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Voigt was born August 2, 1928, in Chicago; he attended Lane Tech High School, where he was a member of the swim team; upon graduation in 1946, he joined the United States Army and served in the post-World War II occupation of Japan; after his father's death in 1947, Harry was assigned to the Second Division Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served as meteorologist and also played shortstop on the Army baseball team; and

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WHEREAS, In 1948, Harry Voigt used his benefits under the G.I. Bill to enroll at the University of Illinois in Urbana; he won the Art Department Award of Merit and graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Advertising Design; after graduation he worked in Urbana as a graphic designer on the University Educational Foundation's "Our Wonderful World" encyclopedia; and

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WHEREAS, Harry Voigt was hired by Motorola in 1956 as an art director and moved back to Chicago; Motorola sent him to the International Design Conference in Aspen, Colorado in 1962,

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1 where he met Hannah Wilkins, a musician; they were married the
2 following year; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1965, Harry Voigt formed his own graphic design
4 firm, with clients such as Rand McNally, Scott Foresman,
5 Wadsworth Publishing, Harris Bank, and the Northern Trust; in
6 1981 he won an international design award for his work on *A*
7 *Short Course in Calculus* by Bodh R. Gulati; he was well-known
8 throughout the Chicago area as a leading graphic designer and
9 served as president of the Society of Typographic Arts, a
10 professional association for Chicago designers; and

11 WHEREAS, Harry Voigt became an avid tennis player in his
12 mid-30s, and in 1987 won the Oak Park Tennis Club's Singles "B"
13 tournament at the age of 59; he continued to play regularly
14 until his passing; and

15 WHEREAS, Harry Voigt is survived by his wife, Hannah; his
16 daughter, Laura; his son, Derek; his daughter-in-law,
17 Catherine; and four granddaughters who were the light of his
18 life: Laura's daughter Madeline and Derek and Catherine's
19 daughters Ashley, Marisa, and Celia; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
22 his family and friends, the passing of Harry Voigt; and be it

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2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Harry Voigt as a symbol of our
4 sympathy.