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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 Robert Burke Hilsabeck of Hinsdale, who passed away on March 29, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Burke Hilsabeck was born February 23, 1923 in Oelwein, Iowa; his parents were Lawrence (Pat) Hilsabeck and Helen Tousley Hilsabeck; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Robert Burke Hilsabeck attended Iowa State University for one year from 1941-42; he was then appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated as ensign in June of 1945; he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Leyte, CV-32 until the fall of 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Burke Hilsabeck studied history and earned his master's degree from the University of Iowa in 1951; he taught for five years in Tipton Consolidated Schools in Iowa before moving to Hinsdale in the fall of 1956; he then taught at Hinsdale Central High School until his retirement in 1985; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Burke Hilsabeck was a member and elder of Community Presbyterian Church in Clarendon Hills; he was an avid reader and inventive storyteller and enjoyed writing long,

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1 handwritten letters; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert Burke Hilsabeck was preceded in death by
3 his parents and his sister, Patricia Ann Hilsabeck; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Burke Hilsabeck is survived by his wife of
5 62 years, Jeannette Miller Hilsabeck; his sons, Leo (Ellen),
6 Steven (Alison), and Rick; his grandchildren, Elizabeth
7 (Ramon) Navarro, Burke (Elizabeth), Ryan (Liz), and Geoffrey
8 (Johanna); his great-granddaughter, Francesca Navarro; and his
9 many friends; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 his family and friends, the passing of Robert Burke Hilsabeck;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Robert Burke Hilsabeck as an
16 expression of our sympathy.