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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 prominent Chicago architect Walter A. Netsch Jr., who passed away on June 15, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Netsch was born on February 23, 1920; he married the former Illinois Comptroller, Dawn Clark Netsch, in 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Netsch is credited with creating several significant structures throughout the country using "Field Theory" and was both praised and criticized for his work; he is remembered for designing the U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the Regenstein Library at the University of Chicago, the Inland Steel Building in Chicago, the Behavioral Science Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Miami University Art Museum, and his home in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Netsch studied architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; during World War II he was stationed on the Aleutian Islands; and

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WHEREAS, He spent thirty years with Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, the Chicago architecture firm; in 1986 he was

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1 appointed Park District Board president by then Mayor of  
2 Chicago, Harold Washington; and

3 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter  
4 Andrew Netsch, Sr. and Anna Calista Netsch (nee Smith) and one  
5 sister, Nan (the late William S. II) Kerr; and

6 WHEREAS, Walter Netsch Jr. is survived by his wife of 44  
7 years, Dawn Clark Netsch; his nephews, Andrew D. (Pamela) Kerr  
8 and William S. Kerr III; his niece, Elizabeth Nan Kerr; and his  
9 grand-nephews, Andrew D. (Lindsey) Kerr, Jr. and Mathias S.  
10 Kerr; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
13 his family and friends, the passing of Walter A. Netsch Jr.;  
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Walter A. Netsch Jr. as a symbol of  
17 our sincere sympathy.