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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 Donald Miles Merwin of DeKalb, who passed away on February 14, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born March 7, 1934, in Sandwich, the son of Millard Blake and Myrtle (Grandgeorge) Merwin; when he was in third grade, his father was transferred to Mt. Morris and he finished school there, graduating from Mt. Morris High School in the class of 1952; he attended Northern Illinois University, Kishwaukee College, and Naperville College; and

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WHEREAS, He married Lois Bender in Bloomingdale on June 30, 1956; they made their home in Oregon, Illinois, while he worked for Ogle Service Company; he then started working for The Daily Chronicle, and they moved to DeKalb; and

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WHEREAS, He later worked for DeKalb Ogle Telephone Company, later Contel, and finally Verizon; he worked there until his retirement; and he was a Verizon Pioneer life member; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of First United Methodist Church, where he served on many committees, and of Kishwaukee Kiwanis, where he served as president in 1990 and 1991, and Lieutenant Governor from 1993 to 1995; he was also an adviser to Circle K;

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1 he was also a member and past master of DeKalb lodge No. 144,
2 the Scottish Rite, Tebala Temple, and Dustin Chapter of the
3 Eastern Star; he served on the City of DeKalb Zoning Board of
4 Appeals for more than 30 years; he was a Republican Precinct
5 Committeeman and Chairman of the DeKalb County Republican Party
6 for a time and was named Republican of the Year in 1994; and

7 WHEREAS, He received the Contel Citizenship Award for the
8 Central Region and also the Corporate Citizenship Award in
9 1983; he also served on the DeKalb County Jury Commission; and

10 WHEREAS, Donald Merwin is survived by his wife, Lois; his
11 four sons, Jeff (Sandy), John (Laura), Tom (Diane), and
12 Doug(Samantha); his seven grandchildren, Ben (Michelle), Kim
13 (Peter Leonteos), Luke, Jeremy and Chelsea, Dolly, and Logan;
14 his brother, Dick; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 his family and friends, the passing of Donald Merwin; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Donald Merwin as a symbol of our
22 sincere sympathy.