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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 E. Drake of Woodstock, who passed away on February 6, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, He was born September 28, 1942, in Biloxi, Mississippi, to Ernest and Doris (Kobel) Drake; he graduated from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees; he took pride in being the first in his family to graduate from college; and

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WHEREAS, He taught at Mattoon High School in Mattoon in the early 1960s; he later moved to Antioch, where he taught economics and managed media services at Antioch High School from 1966 to 1971; the longest span of his professional career was spent at College of Lake County in Grayslake, where he directed the college's audio-visual and instructional media programs from 1971 to 1989 and was heavily involved in development of the college's distance learning programs; and

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WHEREAS, In 1989 he left the college to accept the position of executive director at the Northern Illinois Learning Resources Cooperative (NILRC), a statewide cooperative that negotiated development and purchase of telecourses and other media products and services for community colleges; he took

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1 early retirement from education in 1996; and

2 WHEREAS, For several years, he worked as a professional  
3 photographer, photographing weddings, athletic teams, and  
4 families; he also was co-owner of Horizon Travel in Twin Lakes,  
5 Wisconsin, and was involved in planning and organizing group  
6 cruises; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1991 he married Dorothy Regan of Woodstock,  
8 also an administrator at College of Lake County; they lived in  
9 Woodstock from 1991 to 1995, then relocated to LaCrosse,  
10 Wisconsin; they returned to McHenry County in 1998 when Dorothy  
11 took the position of vice president for development and  
12 director of the college foundation at McHenry County College in  
13 Crystal Lake; they lived in Harvard until returning to  
14 Woodstock in 2006; and

15 WHEREAS, He was a past member of the Woodstock Public  
16 Library Board of Directors, a regular volunteer at Illinois  
17 State wrestling tournaments, a knowledgeable movie buff, a fan  
18 of HO model trains, and an avid traveler; he and his wife  
19 returned only three weeks before his death from a vacation in  
20 Australia and New Zealand; he took pride in having traveled  
21 through 19 countries; he loved all dogs but had a special  
22 affection for his basset hound, Morgan; and

1           WHEREAS, He and his wife were members of Resurrection  
2 Catholic Church in Woodstock; he took pride in his involvement  
3 in the RCIA program in 1991-92, which marked his entry into the  
4 Catholic faith; and

5           WHEREAS, He was the loving husband of Dorothy (Regan)  
6 Drake; the cherished son of Doris (Kobel) Drake; the brother of  
7 Karl (Mary) Drake and David (Lynn) Drake; the loving  
8 brother-in-law of Barbara (Regan) Pokorny, Michael (Karen)  
9 Regan, and John Regan; and the proud uncle of Matthew Drake,  
10 Nicholas Drake, Kathleen (John) Slade, Diane (James)  
11 Pokorny-Wilson, John J. (Maria) Pokorny, Craig Drake, Missy  
12 (John) Bryant, and Jeramy Drake; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
15 his family and friends, the passing of Donald Drake; and be it  
16 further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Donald Drake as a symbol of our  
19 sincere sympathy.