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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 F. Hillenbrand of Naperville, who passed away on July 24, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Robert F. Hillenbrand was born March 5, 1925, in Woodcliff, New Jersey, to immigrant parents; he was a 1950 graduate of North Central College with a Bachelor of Arts degree and received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago and an additional graduate degree, the Advanced Certificate, from the University of Illinois; he was a member of the Phi Delta Kappa professional fraternity; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Hillenbrand taught in the Bensenville and Elmhurst elementary schools, followed by 29 years as an elementary school administrator in Naperville School District 203; he was an elementary teaching principal in St. Charles and was a principal of four Naperville schools; in his retirement, he acted as a hearing officer for 15 years; and

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WHEREAS, He was the past president of the DuPage Elementary Principals Association, and a member of the City Plan Commission and the Naperville Sesquicentennial Committee; he maintained a strong interest in the future of North Central College and had deep connections with the Community United

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1 Methodist Church; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Hillenbrand was an avid reader and
3 storyteller, and led discussions for his church class' book
4 group, as well as sponsoring "Books Between Bites" at the
5 Community United Methodist Church; he was a World War II Army
6 veteran, entering the army upon graduation in 1943, from
7 Mooseheart Academy in Batavia; he served with the Tenth
8 Mountain Division, earning the Bronze Star for meritorious
9 service in combat near Gaggio Montano, Italy; and

10 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and
11 sister; and

12 WHEREAS, He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years and
13 a former Naperville kindergarten teacher, Betty (nee
14 Jacobson); his daughters, Ashleyann (Ann Clare) Hillenbrand
15 Carlson and Martha Beth Hillenbrand Jones; and his
16 grandchildren, Daniel Warren Jones and Katherine Hillary
17 Jones; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of Robert Hillenbrand; and
21 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Robert Hillenbrand as a symbol of
3 our sincere sympathy.