SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James William Wheeler of Newark, formerly of Warrenville, who passed away on September 27, 2009; and

WHEREAS, James William Wheeler was born August 31, 1935 in Bear Creek, Wisconsin, the son of Ralph and Beatrice (Lehman) Wheeler; he was united in marriage on January 5, 1963 in Maywood, to the former Eloise Sefranek and they spent the next 46 happy years together; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wheeler served his country proudly as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, He was the owner and operator of Wheeler Home Specialist Inc.; he was civic minded and was very active in serving the communities where he lived and was a former member of the Warrenville Town Council and the Warrenville Building & Planning Commission in Warrenville; he was the President of the Fern Dell Historical Association in Newark, a member of the Big Grove Township Zoning Commission, was very active in raising and selling miniature horses, and was the past President of the Illinois Miniature Horse Owners Association; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and
Beatrice Wheeler; his son, Michael Wheeler; and his brother-in-law, Lonnie Red; and

WHEREAS, James Wheeler is survived by his wife, Eloise Wheeler; his children, Steven (Elizabeth) Wheeler and Jennifer (Tim) DeBow; his grandsons, Michael and Danny DeBow; his brothers, DuWayne (Dulcie) Wheeler and Larry Wheeler; his sister, Colleen Red; his daughter-in-law, Michele Wheeler; as well as several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of James Wheeler; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of James Wheeler as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.