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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 Eldon Lee Polhemus of Hanna City, who passed away on February 12, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on November 2, 1934, in Hanna City to Bruce and Eileen (Swardinski) Polhemus; he married Betty Cain on April 10, 1958, in Lincolnshire, England; he served in the United States Air Force from November 1951 to May 1960 and fought in the Korean War; he was awarded the honor of Queen Scout in England (equivalent of Eagle Scout) for his work with the scouts while stationed in England; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of the Hanna City American Legion; a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Glasford, where he attained the 32nd degree; member of the Hanna City Centennial Committee; and of the Shriners; he was also a member of the Hanna City United Methodist Church and chaired the building committee; and

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WHEREAS, He spent 40 years in automobile sales in dealerships in the Peoria area, including Quality Motors in Hanna City, which he and Betty owned and operated for 26 years; he and his wife also owned and operated Polly's Glass Tap in Minonk; he served on the Peoria County Board, representing

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1 District 16 for 18 years, from 1990 to 2008; and he also served
2 on and chaired numerous committees and was strongly involved
3 with Peoria County Veterans affairs; and

4 WHEREAS, He was a supporter of veterans' recognition and
5 spearheaded the veterans memorial in Hanna City; he held
6 numerous offices in local government throughout his lifetime;
7 he started Feed the Flooded to help the victims of the 1993
8 Mississippi flood in Keithsburg; and he loved bald eagles and
9 amassed a collection of more than 700 pieces of eagle
10 memorabilia and gifts from family and friends; and

11 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and two
12 sons, Bruce and John; and

13 WHEREAS, Eldon Polhemus is survived by his wife of 51
14 years, Betty; his daughter, Janet (Tom) Timian; his
15 daughter-in-law, Sharon Polhemus; his four grandchildren; his
16 five great-grandchildren; and his brother, Ronnie (Kathy)
17 Polhemus; 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 Eldon Polhemus; and be
21 it further

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