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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 Evans Demos Archos of Lakewood, who passed away on August 9, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Evans Archos was born in Valtetsi, Arcadia, Greece, in 1935; he was the son of Demos and Angeliki Eikosipentarchos; and

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WHEREAS, Thanks to the sponsorship of his uncle, Nick Cocalas, Evans Archos emigrated to the U.S. from Greece in 1955 to live his American dream; in 1958, he opened his first restaurant, The John Evans Restaurant, in Evanston with his partners, his brother, Dean D. Archos, and his cousin, John C. Cocalas; a few years later, he saw an opportunity in the then-small community of Crystal Lake to open the John Evans Inn Restaurant and Banquet Facility with his partner, his brother, John D. Archos, and his wife, Demetra E. Archos; the John Evans Inn distinguished itself by becoming the premiere dining venue of the Northwest suburbs for decades; in 2001, the restaurant closed its doors after serving the community for over 3 decades and was renovated and leased to the Walgreens Corporation; and

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WHEREAS, Evans Archos passionately served his community on both business and community boards; he was a past President and

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1 member of the Valtetsion Society, a 30-plus year member of the  
2 Lions, Mason, and Shriners Clubs, a past President and member  
3 of the McHenry County Chapter of the Restaurant Association of  
4 Illinois, the founding member of the Crystal Lake  
5 Shop-with-a-Cop Charity Program, and a co-founding member of  
6 Saint Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church of Palatine and Saint  
7 Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church of Elgin; and

8 WHEREAS, Evans Archos enjoyed playing golf, traveling, and  
9 entertaining his friends and family amongst his homes in  
10 Greece, Bonita Springs, Florida, and Lakewood; and

11 WHEREAS, Evans Archos was preceded in death by his parents  
12 and his brothers-in-law, Evangelos Mitrakos and Andreas  
13 Mitrakos; and

14 WHEREAS, Evans Archos was married for 42 years to his  
15 loving wife, Demetra E. Archos; he is survived by his  
16 daughters, Angelique (Hicham) Archos-Solhi and Valerie  
17 (Ludwig) Archos-Beutel; his siblings, Dean (Paula) Archos,  
18 Maria (the late Panos) Bourlokas, Lee (Eugenia) Archos, Georgia  
19 (the late Andreas) Giannakopolous, and John (Helen) Archos; his  
20 brothers-in-law, Athansios (Ekaterina) Mitrakos and Kostas  
21 (Anda) Mitrakos; his sisters-in-law, Panagoula E. and  
22 Panagoula A. Mitrakos; and his many loving nieces, nephews,  
23 cousins, godchildren, and friends; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
3 his family and friends, the passing of Evans Demos Archos; and  
4 be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Evans Archos as an expression of our  
7 sympathy.