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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 Roman Miller of Waukegan, who passed away on August 6, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Roman Miller was born in 1917 to Nicholas and Margaret (Westrup) Miller in Eden Valley, Minnesota, and spent his formative years in Millerville, Minnesota; in 1942, he married Cresy Wilken; from 1942 to 1946, he served as a Communications Specialist with the United States Army Air Force Headquarters, including two years in New Guinea and the Philippines; after teaching in Minnesota for several years, Roman moved with his family in 1955 to Waukegan to accept a position as a Business Education teacher at Waukegan Township High School; and

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WHEREAS, Roman Miller spent his first 12 years as an educator working as a classroom teacher, guidance counselor, the Director of Guidance for Waukegan East High School, and the Director of Data Processing and spent his last 14 years, prior to retirement in 1981, serving as an Associate Superintendent for Business Affairs for the Waukegan Unit School District; and

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WHEREAS, He received an undergraduate degree in Business Education from St. Cloud (Minnesota) State University and

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1 received advanced degrees from the University of Minnesota and  
2 Northwestern University; he was active in civic and community  
3 affairs at both the local and State level; he served as  
4 President of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, as a  
5 Trustee of the Illinois Teachers Retirement System, as  
6 Secretary of the Waukegan Civil Service Commission, as a Board  
7 member of Junior Achievement, as a Charter member and President  
8 of Waukegan Crime Stoppers, as Chairman of a United Way  
9 Allocations Committee, as President of the Waukegan Library  
10 Foundation, as Coordinator and Instructor in the Lake County  
11 AARP Tax-Aide Program, as Treasurer of the Lake County Retired  
12 Teachers Association, and as a member of the Waukegan Public  
13 School Board; and

14 WHEREAS, He was Secretary-Treasurer of the Waukegan  
15 Township Senior Citizens Service Committee and was  
16 instrumental in the construction of Park Place; he served over  
17 30 years as a Credit Union Director and was involved in  
18 Consumers Credit Union; he received many awards, including a  
19 National AARP award for community service; and

20 WHEREAS, Roman Miller was preceded in death by his beloved  
21 wife of 64 years, Cresy, with whom he created a marriage built  
22 on love and respect; by his parents; his brothers, John and  
23 Philip; and his sister, Florence; and

1           WHEREAS, Roman Miller is survived by his daughter, Penny  
2 Miller and her partner, Richard Hershman; his sons, Michael  
3 Miller and his wife, Patricia Berry, and Jonathan Miller and  
4 his wife, Julie Rand; his grandchildren, Stacy Mahoney and her  
5 husband, Tim Mahoney, Nicole Miller and her husband, Ed  
6 Stevenson, Katharine (Kevin) Mershon, Matthew Pflaum, Kevin  
7 Pflaum, and Brian Pflaum; his great-grandchildren, Lily,  
8 Susie, and Margee Mahoney, Brendon, Alex, Nate, and Carly  
9 Stevenson, and many nieces and nephews; he is also survived by  
10 his sisters, Mary Roers, Elaine Adamek, and Dorine Lehn; his  
11 brother, Joseph; his sisters-in-law, Kathleen Miller and  
12 Maxine Wilken, and by his brother-in-law and college roommate,  
13 Claude (Delores) Wilken; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16 his family and friends, the passing of Roman Miller; and be it  
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18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Roman Miller as a symbol of our  
20 sincere sympathy.