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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 Russell Christian of Grayslake, who passed away on August 8, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Russell Christian was born in Waukegan on September 5, 1928, to Stanley and Hazel (nee Kapheim) Christian; Russell graduated from Waukegan High School in 1946 and enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the 11th Airborne Division; and

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WHEREAS, In 1965 he married Shirley Oilschlager; Russell was an accounting supervisor with the Frank G. Hough Co./International Harvester/Dresser Industries in Libertyville until his retirement in 1987; in 1989, he was elected to the position of Avon Township Supervisor, serving the residents of the Round Lake communities, Hainesville, Grayslake, Third Lake, and surrounding unincorporated areas in a position he served until 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Russell was a Charter Member of the VFW Ron Hill Memorial Post 2245; he also served on the Grayslake High School Board of Education, was a Grayslake Village Trustee for 12 years, was Executive Director of the Grayslake Chamber of Commerce, and was a Founding Member and Chairman of the

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1 Grayslake Economic Development Corporation; he was also active  
2 in the Grayslake Lions Club, the Military Order of the Cooties  
3 Pup Tent IL081, the American Legion Post 0659, and the St.  
4 Therese Janssen Foundation Board of Directors and was a Charter  
5 Member of the Grayslake Kiwanis Club; and

6 WHEREAS, Russell was a member of Shepherd of the Lakes  
7 Lutheran Church; he will be remembered by many in the Round  
8 Lake and Grayslake areas as "Santa", a role that gave him much  
9 pleasure; Russell loved life and enjoyed other people to the  
10 fullest; he was a devoted husband and a loving, proud father,  
11 grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

12 WHEREAS, Russell Christian was preceded in death by his  
13 parents; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Donald and  
14 Rosella Oilschlager; his brother, Richard Christian; and his  
15 grandson, Grant Russell Christian; and

16 WHEREAS, Russell Christian is survived by his wife,  
17 Shirley, whom he married 45 years ago on February 27 in  
18 Lindenhurst; his children, Karen (Kirk Smith) Christian Smith,  
19 John (Shelly) Christian, and Patti Gail (Jack Wells) Byers; his  
20 grandchildren, Lucas and Alec Christian, Benjamin and Molly  
21 Smith, Michael (Lisa) Lessard, and Joshua (Freddie) Johnson;  
22 and his two great-grandchildren in Florida; 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 Russell Christian; and  
4 be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Russell Christian as a symbol of our  
7 sincere sympathy.